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## US Congress bars \$150m for UN peacekeeping

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23, (Reuters): The US Congress refused to authorise the Reagan administration to transfer up to \$150 million to provide a US contribution for possible UN peacekeeping operations.

The Senate failed to act on a House-passed bill authorising the transfer before Congress adjourned for the year early yesterday amid expressions of concern about the possible shape of a peace accord in southern Africa.

The administration had sought the authority to switch the money, appropriated earlier for other programmes, to help pay for possible UN peacekeeping operations that might be needed following conflicts in Angola as well as Afghanistan, Iran-Iraq, Cambodia and the Western Sahara.

**Assurances**

In both the House of Representatives and the Senate, members sought assurances that a southern Africa settlement would include the national reconciliation among all parties in Angola where the United States has been supporting Jonas Savimbi and rebel forces fighting the Soviet-backed government.

Prospects of a settlement have increased with progress in years-long US efforts to secure the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and independence for neighbouring South African ruled Namibia.

In a letter to Secretary of State George Shultz, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Democrat Dante Fascell of Florida, and its senior Republican, William Broomfield of Michigan, said they expected any peacekeeping money would be used only for peace settlements that were in US interests.

## Suspicious fire

PARIS, Oct. 23, (UPI): A fire of suspicious origin raced through a cinema showing the controversial film "The Last Temptation of Christ" early today, injuring 10 people and gutting part of the theatre, police said.

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Falaka: 55 per cent

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 50 per cent

Abu Dhabi: 50 per cent

Falaka: 60 per cent

# Arafat and Mubarak meet Saddam in Baghdad Arab front emerges to negotiate peace

CAIRO, Oct. 23, (Agencies): President Hosni Mubarak returned today from summit talks in Jordan and Iraq, that also included PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, and an Egyptian spokesman said the trip established a united Arab front prepared to negotiate peace with Israel.

Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said yesterday's talks with King Hussein at the Jordanian port of Aqaba laid down guidelines for an Arab peace offensive as well as the foundations of a new Jordan-PLO relationship.

Mubarak said a "spirit of understanding prevailed at the Aqaba talks. The dialogue between Arafat and King Hussein, was very good and took place in a quiet and brotherly atmosphere."

Mubarak told reporters on his return to Cairo.

"We support any force in Israel that works for peace," Mubarak said. "The Israeli people's choice of their representatives is their own concern."

Arafat, at a news conference in Baghdad, said the Aqaba summit "laid down broad and basic lines for advancing the peace effort through the quick convening of an international conference."

"We also laid down the foundations of a new relationship between Jordan and the PLO, following the Jordanian disengagement from the West Bank," Arafat said.



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (left) meets PLO leader Arafat (right) and Egyptian President Mubarak (centre) upon their arrival in Baghdad. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Chances

Mubarak and Arafat met with the Jordanian monarch in day-long talks yesterday aimed at reviving policy co-ordination between Jordan and the PLO and forging a unified position on the peace negotiations with Israel.

This was the first meeting between Arafat and Hussein since the Jordanian monarch broke off links with the occupied West Bank last July 31 in action indicating Jordan and the PLO would go separate ways.

## Future

He said he left behind in Jordan a PLO delegation "to explore the horizons of the new relationship" and described the Aqaba talks as "positive and cordial."

On the PLO's future plans, Arafat said: "Everybody, Palestinian and Arab, is convinced of the necessity of filling the vacuum resulting from the Jordanian disengagement by proclaiming a Palestinian state under the occupation."

## Appeal

Arafat said he directed two appeals: the first to Israeli Arabs asking them to take part in the elections, and the second to Israeli voters generally.

"With the participation of Arabs in the elections, we can guarantee between 14 to 15 seats in the Knesset," Arafat said. "This will have a bearing on the formation of any future Israeli government."

## Abolish right of veto, urges Libya

BEIRUT, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Libya urged the United Nations today to abolish the right of veto in the Security Council which it said was being misused.

The official Libyan news agency JANA, marking the 43rd anniversary of the founding of the United Nations tomorrow, praised the organisation's humanitarian achievements.

"At the same time the negative aspects are very clear," said JANA.

## Bomb injures 8

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 23, (Reuters): A bomb today injured eight people waiting in a van in Islamabad to be taken to a Muslim shrine, the official APP news agency reported.

One of the victims was seriously hurt when the bomb went off under a seat of the van parked near a market, police added. No one immediately claimed responsibility.

## Khaddafi endorses Aoun's cabinet

BEIRUT, Oct. 23, (AP): Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi has praised Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun, who heads the Christian cabinet in Lebanon's dual government, and urged Syria to block "US intervention in Lebanon."

Khaddafi's disengagement with Syria's role in the Lebanese crisis apparently was behind Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam's current visit to Libya.

**Defuse**

Khaddafi said in an interview issued by the Beirut magazine Al Kifah Al Arabi (Arab Struggle) yesterday that he will try to defuse a potential confrontation between Syria and Iraq over Lebanon.

"Michel Aoun is not an Israeli, an American or a Frenchman. He is a Lebanese Arab who replaced the President of the republic by a presidential decree," Khaddafi said. "We have to accept that."

This was Libya's first public endorsement of Aoun, who was named prime minister of a caretaker military cabinet by President Amin Gemayel, minutes before his 6-year-term ended on Sept. 22.

## Rejected

Muslims and leftists have rejected Aoun's cabinet and pledged allegiance to the government of acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss, a Syrian-backed Sunni Muslim, who ruled under Gemayel.

The government split, stemming from parliament's inability to elect a new head of state, solidified Lebanon's de facto partition into sectarian cantons after 13 years of civil war.

Khaddafi said his acceptance of Aoun as prime minister should not hurt his 19-year-old alliance with Syria.

"Syria's steadfastness is essential. It's national security interests in Lebanon against Israel should always be taken into account in Lebanon," he said, adding: "But Syria should also listen to its genuine allies like the Libyans. We cannot abandon Syria, but we have to offer advice and I have hereby offered it."

## Accord

Khaddafi was also critical of an agreement reached by the United States and Syria early in September to back pro-Syrian Maronite parliament member Mikhail Dahar as the sole candidate to succeed Gemayel.

Hardline Christians had rebelled against that accord. They boycotted two parliament sessions set on Sept. 22 and Sept. 23, sabotaging a quorum.

"It is impossible for Washington to play the role of Constantine," Khaddafi said, referring to the capital of the defunct Ottoman empire that ruled the Arab world for five centuries until World War II.

"America is openly interfering in Lebanon to select a President. When we allow her to do so, we will not be able to prevent her in future from naming heads of states in Syria, Jordan or Iraq," Khaddafi said. "This intervention must be stopped now."

## Prince Saud in UAE for talks on Lebanon

ABU DHABI, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal arrived in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) today for talks which he said would include Lebanon.

He told the official Emirates news agency WAM he was carrying a letter from King Fahd to President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan on bilateral co-operation.

WAM quoted him as saying without elaboration the letter also included the king's view of current Arab developments.

"Lebanon is one of the main issues that concern Arab states and I will discuss it with

## Royal clemency

RABAT, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Morocco's King Hassan has pardoned 296 prisoners in a traditional gesture of royal clemency on the birthday of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), the Justice Ministry said in a statement today.

## Fire kills 7

NEW DELHI, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Seven people died and more than 40 were injured after fire swept a plastics factory in the Indian capital, United News of India said today.

The fire began when a gas cylinder exploded yesterday and spread swiftly, the news agency said.

## Shamir, Peres clash over peace moves

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir accused his foreign minister today of drawing Jordan's King Hussein into "crass intervention" in Israel's general election campaign.

Shamir, clashing in a television debate with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, attacked a US television interview last week in which the King endorsed Peres' plan for an international Middle East peace conference.

Shamir, whose rightist Likud Bloc opposes the plan, and Peres, leader of the dovish Labour Party, are rivals in the Nov. 1 elections.

**PLO**

Peres angrily dismissed accusations that he was willing to negotiate with the PLO, which Israel regards as a terrorist organisation bent on destroying the Jewish state.

Shamir quoted the King himself as endorsing the PLO as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

## Intervention

"I must say that to bring an Arab ruler into the elections of Israel — a crass intervention such as this is unprecedented and I believe the people must fully reject this, completely," Shamir said. "This is the way to peace?"

Peres replied: "If it is possible to mobilise an Arab country, is it a sin or an achievement?"

Their 30-minute debate, to be screened later today, was recorded just after Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat met King Hussein in Jordan to try to map out a joint approach to Middle East peace.

Their surprise talks yesterday, seen in Amman as a bid to improve Peres' election chances, followed months of strained relations between Jordan and the

**Prerequisite**

An international conference is Jordan's prerequisite for peace contacts with Israel. Shamir said King Hussein would join direct talks the minute he had no other choice for peace.

Peres denied that Labour was ready to give back all of the West Bank and Jordan in return for peace, saying that it wanted to hold on to some of the occupied territories and all of Jerusalem. The king supported him despite this, he said.

Shamir, 73, and Peres, 65, are vying for uncommitted voters in polls that show them neck and neck.

In Hamburg, the West German magazine Der Spiegel quoted Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, of Likud, as blaming Peres for the Palestinian uprising.

Sharon, a former defence minister, said Peres had "raised expectations among the Arabs that could not be fulfilled" with his international conference proposal.

## Israel 'uses death squad against Arabs'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Palestinians in the occupied West Bank have accused Israel of running an undercover death squad against perceived organisers of a 10-month uprising against Israeli rule.

neighbours say was a premeditated killing directed by a Shin Bet agent.

"They had been searching for him for a long time, they came here with photographs but didn't find his hiding place," a witness told Reuters.

## Arrest

Foreign correspondents say members of the platoon-sized force have impersonated journalists several times to arrest or photograph Arab suspects.

Newsmen have protested, saying the practice endangers their lives in the occupied territories.

Residents of the West Bank village of Yatta say armed men on Oct. 9 shot dead Kamal Mahmoud Hassan Al Sari, 24, and Fadel Ibrahim Shehadeh, 22, in cold blood after recognising them as wanted leaders of the outlawed Shabiba Youth Movement.

## Denied

Kihlani was shot dead at close range with a single bullet in the heart. The Army denied responsibility, saying he was apparently the victim of a local Arab feud.

Cherry and a similar Gaza-based unit codenamed "Samson" have been deployed since the start of the uprising as a mobile force to penetrate remote villages.

Security sources stressed that killings were not the unit's prime task, although they had shot dead several Palestinians in ambushes and undercover operations.

## Day by day

A US television crew by chance filmed members of the Cherry unit in Army fatigues and tee-shirts jumping out of confiscated Arab cars and arresting stone-throwers in Nablus in July, but military censors made them erase the film.

In two similar incidents, witnesses reported that Israelis in civilian clothes and Arab head-dresses beat the arrested residents of Ain Arik village near Ramallah in July and fired on Dura village residents during a search operation on Oct. 9.

Both Cherry and Samson have masqueraded as foreign reporters to gain access to Arab villages and approach demonstrators.

## Day by day

A GULF citizen closely following what is being said about fighting locusts in the area wondered why the locusts are being fought.

The man commented that they should allow the locusts to come and the people will finish them off by devouring them.

In the past locusts were one of the region's most famous delicacies.

Now this species cannot be eaten because it is polluted with insecticides. We just hope that people learn about them being sprayed with pesticides and do not think of them as the same locusts of 30 years ago when they fought them by consuming them.

During those old-days locusts found small and very few farms — but many mouths were ready to devour them.

## Iran to allow political parties

NICOSIA, Oct. 23, (AP): Iran's information minister said parties in the Islamic republic, sharply limited over the last six years, will be allowed to operate freely provided they "do not conspire" against the country's political system.

One opposition group today called the announcement a "bluff."

Minister Mohammad Mohammadi Reyshahri, in a statement today, said that as long as the political parties "demonstrate their commitment to the Islamic system and abide by their commitments in action they can operate freely."

## Operate

Political parties were allowed to operate freely in Iran after the 1979 Islamic revolution.

But rifts between different groups led to armed clashes between the opposition groups and government forces in June 1981. Most parties were banned, including the Mujahedeen Khalq Organisation and the Monarchists.

## The main government party

The main government party, the Islamic Republic Party, and other Islamic groups continued to operate legally. The pro-Moscow Tudeh Party was not banned until early 1984. Several groups went underground and worked clandestinely after the ban.

A parties act passed by the Majlis, or parliament, in August 1981, provided for political groups to operate legally as long as they upheld the constitution. Groups were outlawed if they undermined national unity, sowed discord, violated the principles of Islam or the Islamic foundations of the country, or received foreign aid.

Zahed Matar



## INTERNATIONAL

## 13 killed in Caribbean coast

## Hurricane Joan lashes Managua

MANAGUA, Oct 23, (Reuters): Tropical storm Joan lashed the Nicaraguan capital with heavy rain early today after weakening from a hurricane which killed at least 13 people when it hit the Caribbean coast.

Power failures blacked out the whole city. Radio reports said one man was killed in Managua during the storm, which caused widespread flooding, damaged homes, and felled electricity lines and trees.

Drainage ditches carrying water into Lake Managua were close to overflowing, but rains were not as severe as feared before the storm struck just before midnight (0600 GMT).

**Storm**  
Joan lost strength as it ploughed over mountains in central Nicaragua and was likely to

churn out into the Pacific early today. It was only the fourth tropical storm to cut right across the country since records began last century, officials said.

Joan slammed into the Caribbean coast early yesterday with winds of 217 kph (135 mph), devastating the port of Bluefields and Corn Island off the coast.

At least 10 people were killed in Bluefields and three on Corn Island.

Thousands were left homeless and 140 were reported to have disappeared in the western town of Rama.

Reports of casualties or damage were not available for large parts of the country. In its earlier rampage through the Caribbean, Joan killed at least 22 people in Venezuela and Colombia.

Officials said Joan was the worst natural disaster to strike Nicaragua since an earthquake devastated Managua in 1972, killing 10,000.

**Weakening**  
Government forecaster Pilar Cruz said eight cm (three inches) of rain fell on the capital in the six hours before midnight. Winds gusted up to 75 kph (46 miles an hour).

"Calm appears to be setting in as rains seem to be weakening," a commentator on the official Voice of Nicaragua said early today. Radio stations transmitted only official news about the storm under a 30-day state of emergency imposed from Thursday.

Managua streets were littered with fallen trees and branches torn from palm trees and downed

electricity wires.

Cruz said, however, that rain was likely to continue for hours after the hurricane passed, threatening to cause mudslides and flooding.

**Evacuated**

Around 70,000 people were evacuated from low-lying areas of the capital yesterday. Tens of thousands more were evacuated from other cities in eastern Nicaragua.

President Daniel Ortega estimated that even before yesterday's evacuation, 200,000 were moved to shelters around the country.

Just before the storm struck Managua, Ortega appealed to the city's one million residents to stay indoors. In a radio address, he said the winds would be the strongest ever felt in the capital.

## Eskimos cut breathing holes for trapped whales

BARROW, Alaska, Oct 23, (Reuters): Scientists today stepped up attempts to hack a route through miles of thick Arctic ice so two trapped California grey whales can reach the open sea.

By dawn, Eskimo crews equipped with chainsaws had cut a string of breathing holes about a quarter of the way across the five miles (eight km) of ice separating the whales from the unfrozen ocean and their normal migration route to winter breeding grounds off Baja California, Mexico.

To force the whales towards the sea, the rescuers are letting the holes closest to shore freeze over as they chop out the new ones.

The whales have also been conditioned to follow the sound of small devices used to agitate the water in order to keep the seaward holes from freezing.

**Rescue**

Scientists now hope the whales can be freed in the middle of this week.

Ron Morris, co-ordinator of the rescue for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told a news conference late yesterday: "It proba-

bly cannot occur before Wednesday."

Morris said one of the biggest hurdles remaining was a "pressure ridge," an ice mass running parallel to the coast and lying between the whales and the unfrozen sea. Such ridges are formed where two ice packs meet and usually extend to the bottom of the ocean.

Morris said the US Navy and oil companies were helping search for a possible opening in the ridge for the whales to swim through.

Only two of the three whales that were trapped two weeks ago can now be seen in the breathing holes. The youngest — nicknamed "bone" by the rescuers — is believed to have died.

David Withrow, a whale biologist with the National Marine Mammal Laboratory in Seattle, said the remaining whales — "Bonnet" and "Cross-beak" — had gashes on their skin, apparently from scraping against ice while surfacing to breathe. But he said such wounds were not usually fatal.

"Their breathing rates are close to what you'd see on migrating animals, so they seem to be in fairly good shape," he said.



George Bush (left) and Michael Dukakis shake hands after Dukakis addressed the national Italian American Foundation dinner in Washington. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Dukakis steps up attack on campaign tactics of Bush

WASHINGTON, Oct 23, (UPI): Democrat Michael Dukakis, stepping up his counterattack on the campaign tactics of opponent George Bush, decried yesterday the "fear" and "smear" he said he has endured on issues of crime, the environment and trade.

In a scheduled five-minute, television ad paid by his campaign, the Massachusetts governor said, "It isn't easy for the truth to catch up with the lies — and to clear up the fog and deception that has been spread across the campaign."

"But I am determined to do so," he pledged.

A Newsweek magazine poll released yesterday shows the Republican ticket holding a 50 per cent to 41 per cent edge over their Democratic rivals. The telephone survey of 1,013 registered voters conducted Thursday and Friday had a margin of error of plus or minus four per cent.

In addition, Chicago's two major daily newspapers endorsed Bush for President in their Sunday editions, while the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and St Louis Post-Dispatch gave the nod to Dukakis. The St Louis

paper cited the Massachusetts governor's "common sense, compassion and commitment."

The Sun-Times noted Bush's extensive experience in government. The Tribune backed Bush reluctantly, saying he has run an "abysmal" campaign and picked a "lousy running mate" in Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana.

The two candidates attended a dinner arranged by the Italian American Foundation late last night in Washington.

Bowing to recent nationwide polls, Dukakis acknowledged in his five-minute commercial, "I enter the final days of the long journey still an underdog, and some of you don't know much more about me than a name and a set of labels."

The Dukakis campaign has been most irate over an advertisement that attacks Dukakis as being weak on crime, pointing to the Massachusetts prison programme that allowed a convicted murderer to gain a furlough. The convict, Willie Horton, fled Massachusetts and raped a Maryland woman and attacked her fiancé.

"Part of the fault may rest with our own effort," said Dukakis,

who has often chosen to ignore the stinging and politically effective allegations levelled by Bush. "But I think it is also fair to say that the other side has pursued a campaign of distortion and distraction — of fear and of smear."

**Record**

From there, Dukakis sought to set the record straight as he sees it.

Calling Bush's claim that he is soft on crime "a lie," Dukakis recounted how his own family has been touched by violence, his 77-year-old father "gagged and beaten and robbed. My brother... killed by a hit and run driver." "I've led the fight against crime and drugs in my own state," Dukakis continued, "and I intend to do so as President so that other families will not have to live through that kind of pain."

Attempting to defuse Bush's repeated blaming of Dukakis for the pollution in Boston harbour, the Democratic nominee said, "they don't tell you that it was their administration that cut off funds to clean it up, and that Mr Bush supported the veto of the clean water act — not once, but twice."

## Hundreds defy ban to mark 1956 Hungarian uprising

BUDAPEST, Oct 23, (Reuters): Several hundred people commemorated the 1956 Hungarian uprising in central Budapest today in defiance of police ban. Two were arrested.

Ferenc Koeszeg, a publisher of unofficial literature, told the crowd gathered in a shopping mall that until recently the uprising could be marked only in private homes.

"Now we are on the streets and we hope that next year we can hold a proper demonstration," he added.

Hundreds of police sealed off areas of symbolic importance in the city, including sites connected with the anti-communist uprising crushed by Soviet tanks with heavy bloodshed.

Police arrested translator Tibor Pakh and artist Robert Palinkas after they addressed the crowd.

Earlier, police prevented

about 100 people gathering to mark the anniversary a short distance away on the opposite bank of the Danube from holding a march.

The crowd assembled near the Gellert Hotel despite calls by the demonstration's organisers yesterday to abandon the procession. Hungary's communist authorities refused to authorise the action, saying it would run counter to the constitution.

Police with truncheons forced the group up a road leading away from the Gellert, which is packed with delegates to a conference for the American Society of Travel Agents.

After singing the national anthem there was a small scuffle when a demonstrator with flowers tried to break through a chain of police. But the crowd heeded an appeal from a leader of the independent youth group Fidesz and dispersed peacefully.

## Mauritania shuffles cabinet

NOUAKCHOTT, Oct 23, (Reuters): Mauritania announced a minor government shuffle today, which included a change at the top of the foreign ministry.

The new minister for foreign affairs and co-operation, taking the place of Major Mohamed Lemine, is Lieutenant Colonel Mohamed Sidina Ould Sidiya.

He was previously permanent secretary of the ruling military committee of national salvation — second only to President Mohamed Maouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya.

A new ministry for women, artisans and the tourist industry previously industry and mines minister.

Ahmed Ould Khalifa Ould Jiddou, formerly a secretary of state (junior minister), was named new industry and mines minister.

## Egypt destroys swarms of locusts

ASWAN, Egypt, Oct 23, (Reuters): Egyptian teams striving to head off a locust invasion from the south have crossed the border into Sudan, an official said today.

They have destroyed six swarms of locusts stretching over 160 sq km (62 sq miles) which moved northwards from Sudan over the past two weeks, said Abdel-Moneim El-Rawi, head of the pest control operation in southern Egypt.

Sudan agreed that Egyptian aircraft could fly as far as 160 km (100 miles) inside the border. At one point, the Egyptians spraying infested areas reached Port Sudan on the Red Sea, El-Rawi said.

He said the first wave of the voracious insects was contained but a second generation was expected in December.

Sudan was hit in August by torrential rains and flooding that created ideal conditions for breeding.

## Poison deaths

IPOH, Malaysia, Oct 23, (UPI): Physicians said today the deaths of 11 children in northwest Malaysia stemmed from food poisoning but were baffled by the source of the poisoning.

"We have been concentrating on some form of food-related poisoning," said Dr Martin Joseph, "causing acute liver, kidney and brain damage."

## Protests delay Himalayan car rally

NEW DELHI, Oct 23, (AP): The Himalayan car rally roared into life today as 74 cars set out from New Delhi on a 2,994-kilometre (1,856-mile) journey through mountains and forests.

Australians Ross Dunkerton and Steve McKinnon were the first to be flagged off in their Mitsubishi Galant. Kenjiro Shinozuka of Japan, also driving a Mitsubishi Galant, was the third to start. Shinozuka won the title last year.

The rally, which is seeking international status, was delayed by protesting members of the Janata opposition party's youth wing. Demonstrators complained that the race was a "luxurious show," organisers said.

"The government has no right to misuse public money for a show of the elites and make a mockery of the downtrodden section of the Indian masses," the Yuva Janata said in a statement.

The race has been divided into seven legs, giving participants time to rest.

The 140-kilometre (87-mile) first leg, through the Indian capital, was scheduled to end late today.

After the New Delhi leg, the cars will leave tomorrow on the 526-kilometre (326-mile) second leg, through India's best known wildlife preserve — Corbett National Park.

The Himalayan car rally was recognised this year as one of the five events that make up the Asia Pacific rally championship.

## Arab front emerges to negotiate peace

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The king told the official news agency Petra he was pleased with "the determination of the PLO to bear direct responsibility for fulfilling the aspirations of the Palestinian Arab people and restoring their legitimate national rights on their national soil."

He said yesterday's talks in the Red Sea port of Aqaba had underlined the importance of "special, distinguished relations between the Jordanian and Palestinian people."

King Hussein did not spell out what the three leaders had decided, but said Jordan and the PLO would maintain contacts "to co-ordinate positions for the sake of the Palestinian cause."

Arab diplomatic sources in Baghdad said the three leaders also agreed on an Arab summit meeting, proposed by King Hussein of Jordan, to discuss the Iran-Iraq peace talks, show support for Iraq in the talks and seek an end to the crisis in Lebanon.

On seeing Mubarak off at the airport, Saddam told reporters he supported the summit idea whether it were held in Baghdad or another Arab capital.

Mubarak said the summit is "not directed against any Arab country."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## UK delegation

DAMASCUS, Oct 23, (Reuters): A British parliamentary delegation discussed Middle East issues today with parliamentary Speaker Abdel-Qader Qadour, the official Syrian news agency SANA said.

It said the four members of parliament, two from the ruling Conservatives and two from the opposition Labour Party, were told of Syria's stand on developments in the region.

## Narita march

TOKYO, Oct 23, (AP): More than 1,700 people demonstrated today against the planned expansion of new Tokyo international airport at Narita, but there were no reports of clashes with police.

The demonstrators, carrying banners bearing slogans such as "Don't expand," marched about 3 kilometres (2 miles) from the airport, some 65 kilometres (40 miles) northeast of Tokyo, said a police official, speaking anonymously.

## Catholic mass

VILNIUS, Soviet Union, Oct 23, (Reuters): Some 5,000 people, many waving Lithuanian national flags, packed the square in front of Vilnius Cathedral today for the first Catholic mass allowed there by Soviet authorities for almost 40 years.

About 50 priests led by Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevicius officiated at the open air service at the 14th century cathedral, as religion mingled with nationalism on the second day of a congress of a radical new movement.

The Lithuanian government announced yesterday it was returning the cathedral to the Roman Catholic church. The building was turned into an art gallery after it was taken over by the authorities in 1950.

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## Protesters scuffle with police in Seoul

SEOUL, Oct 23, (Reuters): Hundreds of chanting demonstrators, demanding the arrest of past and present South Korean presidents, scuffled with riot police in central Seoul today, witnesses said.

The protesters were among more than 1,000 students, workers, civil rights campaigners and relatives of prisoners who earlier held a rally to urge the release of political detainees. They denounced President Roh Tae-Woo's government as "military dictatorship."

It was the first major anti-government street protest since the Oct 2 end of the Seoul Olympics, during which the government and opposition parties called a rare political truce.

About 500 people, some wielding clubs, took to the streets after the rally, yelling: "Execute (ex-President) Chun Doo Hwan and arrest Roh Tae-Woo." Let's struggle to rescue our prisoners of conscience.

Hundreds remain behind bars for political reasons—about 330 by government figures but more than 500 according to opposition and church groups.

Scuffles broke out as riot police stopped the radicals from marching through the main streets. Several officers were injured, but police refrained from firing tear-gas, witnesses said. No arrests were immediately reported.

The protesters accused ex-President Chun of corruption and abuse of power during his seven-year rule that ended last February, and claimed Roh was illegally protecting him from prosecution.

They held Chun and Roh, former generals and military academy classmates, responsible for what they called the "massacre of Kwangju," a city where about 200 people died by official count in a week-long civil uprising in 1980.

Police yesterday stepped up security around US legations after students hurled a firebomb over the fence of a club for American servicemen.

About 20 students chanting anti-American slogans hurled homemade explosives at the United Service Organisations building Friday night, Seoul newspapers reported.

## Deng urged to quit smoking

HONG KONG, Oct 23, (AP): Chinese newspapers have published letters from a reader urging China's top leader Deng Xiaoping to start a quit-smoking campaign by giving up smoking himself. Hong Kong newspaper said.

It was an unusual criticism of a Chinese leader in the domestic press, which normally does not print negative items about China's leadership, said the papers, quoting the Hong Kong China News Service, a pro-Beijing news agency.

The letter from policeman Zhang Jianxin from the northwest Xinjiang province was published in China's health newspaper (Jiankang Bao) and hygiene newspaper (Weisheng Bao), the news agency was quoted as saying.

Zhang said in his letter that by smoking in public, Deng had encouraged thousands of Chinese not to give up the habit.

He said he hoped Deng, a heavy smoker, would quit for his own health and for the Chinese people's physical well-being.

## Lebanese woman carrying photos of hostages held

MILAN, Oct 23, (Reuters): Italian police said last night they had arrested a Lebanese woman carrying photographs of three American hostages held in Beirut and believed she could have been a go-between in negotiations for their release.

The woman, Aline Ibrahim Rizkallah, was also carrying coded documents addressed to the owner of an Italian import-export company who the police believe may have been involved in negotiations over the hostages.

The police said the photographs, hidden in the false bottom of a bag, were of Alann Steen, a professor of journalism, journalist Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland.

Rizkallah, 36, was stopped by customs police at Milan's Linate airport on Thursday after flying in from Beirut.

Police said they also found \$1,000 in false banknotes and 50

grammes (two ounces) of heroin concealed in her private parts. They said the Italian businessman, who they did not name, had been waiting for her at the airport and was also under questioning.

**Threat**  
The pro-Iranian group Islamic Jihad on Friday threatened the lives of Anderson and Sutherland to avenge Israeli air raids that killed nine people and wounded 40 in southern Lebanon.

The threat was made in a statement to an international news agency and the independent An-Nahar newspaper shortly after Israeli jets blasted Palestinians and Hizbollah militants in the southern and eastern Bekaa Valley.

Islamic Jihad kidnapped Anderson, the Middle East bureau chief of the Associated Press news agency, in March 1985 and Sutherland was abducted three months later.

Steen was seized by a group calling itself Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine in January 1987.

The Islamic Jihad statement was accompanied by a photograph of Anderson.

The Israeli raids were in retaliation for a Muslim suicide car bomb attack on Israeli troops on Wednesday. Seven soldiers died in the blast and an eighth died on his injuries yesterday.

**Crime**  
Meanwhile, Shiite Muslim militia chief Nabih Berri said that kidnapping was an "unforgivable crime" and said American hostages should not be killed to avenge Israel's latest air raid on Lebanon.

Police said the death toll from the raid rose to 21 after five bodies were dug out of the rubble in the southeastern town of Mashgara, one of the main targets of the Israeli attack. Thirty-four others were wounded.



Aline Ibrahim Rizkallah

Police said low-flying Israeli jets flew supersonic runs over east Lebanon's ancient city of Baalbek overnight, raising fears the main base of pro-Iranian extremists might be the next Israeli target.

"It is not a matter of revenge. It is an ongoing war between us and Israel. The resistance, be it Lebanese, nationalist or Islamic, should respond to Israel's acts in doubled strength and maintain its Jihad", said the moderate Berri in an interview with the Associated Press.

## North African ministers to plan union

RABAT, Oct 23, (Reuters): Foreign ministers from the five North African states will meet in the central Moroccan city of Fez next Thursday to map out strategy for setting up a union, an official source said today.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Monday but was postponed because it is a public holiday marking the birthday of the Holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

The five states confirmed their participation when the ambassadors of Algeria, Libya, Mauritania and Tunisia were received by King Hassan on Saturday, the source said.

The meeting will be the first session of the Maghreb political committee set up in June when all five heads of state met together for the first time after attending an Arab summit in the Algerian capital.

### Proposals

Since June, five sub-committees have been drafting proposals for common policies in the economic, social, financial, information and cultural sectors.

The foreign ministers will review the work of the sub-committee and draft recommendations for consideration by another North African summit, officials said.

Diplomats said they expected the Maghreb states to form an economic union or common market rather than a political union because of the disparities between political systems among the five.

## Afghan rebels offered peace talks in Makkah

ISLAMABAD, Oct 23, (Reuters): Afghan President Najibullah on Saturday offered Western-backed Muslim guerrillas peace talks in the Saudi Arabian holy city of Makkah, official Kabul Radio said.

The radio, monitored in Islamabad, said he made the offer in a speech to an international conference on Islam attended by representatives of 25 countries, including the United States and the Soviet Union.

The rebels have rejected previous offers for talks with Najibullah's Soviet-backed government, which launched a policy of "national reconciliation" in early 1987.

They have also refused to join any coalition government and say they will continue to fight against Najibullah.

In his speech, Najibullah said his government was ready to discuss national reconciliation with the rebels at any venue of their choice, the radio said.

"If the Saudi government allows, such a meeting can take place in Makkah," the radio quoted him as saying.

Makkah is the site of Islam's holiest shrine, the Holy Kaaba, and Saudi Arabia is a major backer of the rebels.

### Withdrawal

Najibullah said more than half of the Soviet troops in Afghanistan had withdrawn so far under the UN-mediated Geneva accords signed last April.

But he repeated charges that the United States and Pakistan were violating the accords by helping the rebels to continue the 10-year-old guerrilla war. Both

countries have denied the allegations.

Moscow, which intervened militarily in Afghanistan in December 1979 to help the Kabul government fight the mujahedeen, had more than 100,000 troops there before the pullout began on May 15. It must be completed by February 15 next year.

Both Moscow and Washington are guarantors to the Geneva accords signed by Islamabad and Kabul.

Najibullah also told the conference he was setting up a Ministry of Islamic Affairs, the Soviet news agency Tass reported earlier from Kabul.

Diplomatic analysts in Moscow said the move was part of Kabul's peace overtures to the rebels.

## 10 killed as typhoon hits Philippines

CAGAYAN DE ORO, Oct 23, (AP): Typhoon Ruby spawned heavy rains and flash floods today in the southern Philippines, killing at least 10 people and leaving about 20,000 others homeless, military authorities said.

By the evening Ruby was estimated to be about 100 kilometres east-southeast of the coastal town of Borongan on Samar Island, about 584 kilometres southeast of Manila, the Manila Weather Bureau said.

Ruby, the 18th tropical cyclone to visit the country this year, was moving towards Borongan at 22 kph with peak winds of 120 kph said forecaster Pedro Deogracias. He said if the typhoon maintains its course, Ruby would hit Borongan by Monday morning.

Col. Triunfo Agustin, Philippine Constabulary regional commander, said Ruby caused flash floods in the six villages on the outskirts of this city on Misamis Oriental province, about 800 kilometres south of Manila.

## 4 Palestinians die in S. Lebanon clash

HASBAYA, Oct 23, (AP): Israeli troops and allied militiamen of the South Lebanese Army clashed with Palestinian commandos in the foothills of Mount Hermon today. Police said four commandos were killed.

The battle broke out at first light, when a guerrilla squad was spotted trying to infiltrate from the western slopes of the mountains into Israel's self-designated security zone in south Lebanon, police said.

"They fought with machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades for five hours," said a police spokesman in Hasbaya, which overlooks the zone controlled by Israeli troops and predominantly Christian SLA militiamen.

### Attack

Two Israeli helicopter gunships moved in during the last hour of the battle, strafing the bush and olive groves around the battle area, said the spokesman.

"The infiltrators belonged to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. We don't know whether there were more than the four killed guerrillas involved in

the infiltration attempt," the spokesman said.

The PFLP, led by George Habash, later issued a communique in Hasbaya, claiming its guerrillas attacked a joint Israeli-SLA position on the northern edge of the security zone at daybreak.

"The opposition was demolished by rocket-propelled grenades and at least 10 enemy elements were killed or wounded in the foray," the communique said. Police said they could not confirm any Israeli or SLA casualties.

The communique said the PFLP raiders were then surrounded by Israeli and SLA reinforcements, "but they managed to fight their way out and escape, except four who still are missing."

The PFLP, based in Damascus, maintains several bases behind the Syrian Army lines in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

The battle came two days after the Israeli Air Force blasted Palestinian and Shiite Muslim guerrilla bases in south Lebanon, killing 21 people and wounding 34.

## 1,000 fishermen rescued

DHAKA, Oct 23, (AP): More than 1,000 fishermen missing after a severe storm struck the southern coast last week have been rescued, officials said today.

The storm lashed the coastal cities along the Bay of Bengal with winds of 120 kilometres per hour and 5-metre waves early Wednesday. At least 35 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured, authorities said.

Newspapers and district officials estimated as many as

1,500 fishermen were missing after the storm.

Mohammad Kamal, district official at the sea resort of Cox's Bazar, said today more than 1,000 fishermen had been rescued. He said he did not know how many were still missing, but said Navy boats continued to search the bay.

Ekrumul Huda Choudhury, president of the Cox's Bazar Fishing Boat Owners Association, said about 400 fishermen had not been found.

## Malaysia to close down refugee camp

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23, (UPI): Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba said today Malaysia will close down by the end of 1989 a refugee camp which houses an estimated 14,000 Vietnamese boat people.

"We are determined to close down the Vietnamese refugee camp at the island of Bidong by the end of next year. This being so, it is about time that the Vietnamese took the matter seriously and assumed their responsibility," Ghafar said.

He said a top-level delegation from Hanoi will visit Malaysia next month to discuss methods of persuading the refugees to return to Vietnam. Hanoi recently announced it would welcome the refugees back and that no harm would come to them.

"The Vietnamese authorities have stated that they are willing to take steps to check the emigration of their people, ensure safety of the boat people who are repatriated and attend meetings to resolve the problem," Ghafar said.

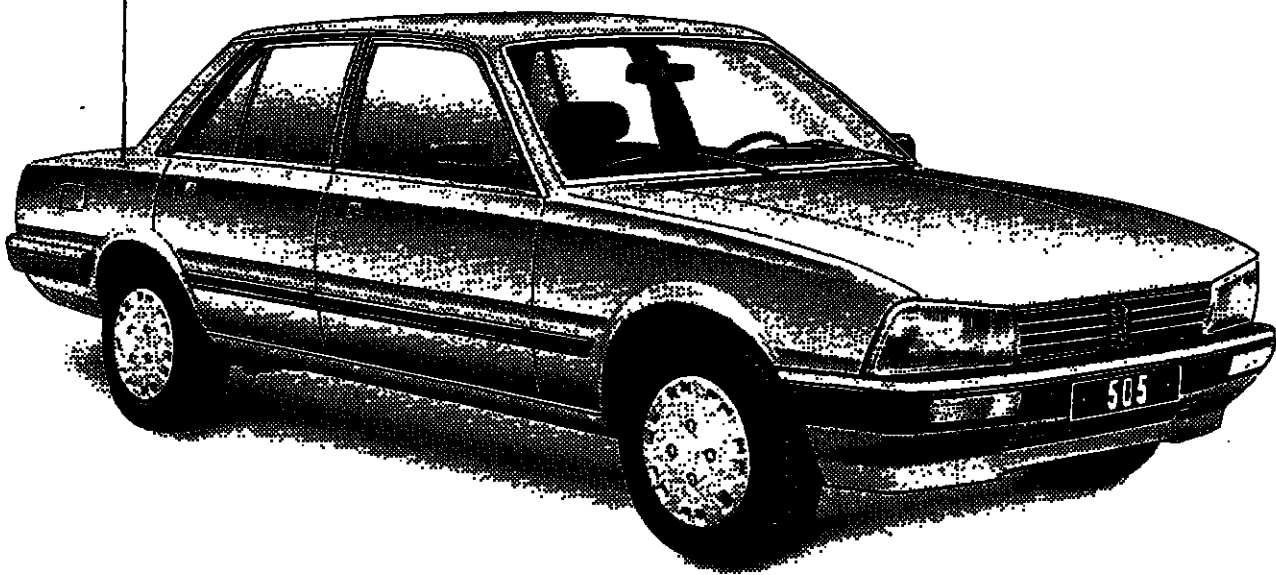
Bidong, about 12 km off the east Malaysian state of Trengganu in the South China Sea, has been used as a Vietnamese refugee camp since 1975.

**Arrivals**  
The refugees population has swollen to 14,000 and arrivals of Vietnamese boat people continue at a rate of 500 to 1,000 monthly.

Speaking to reporters at the inauguration of a new United Malays National Organisation branch at the east Malaysian state of Trengganu, Ghafar said he was "confident that the Vietnamese delegation will take the issue seriously."

"Vietnam has stated that it is willing to take steps to stop the migration of refugees, but they...have to coax them to leave the Malaysian camp," he said.

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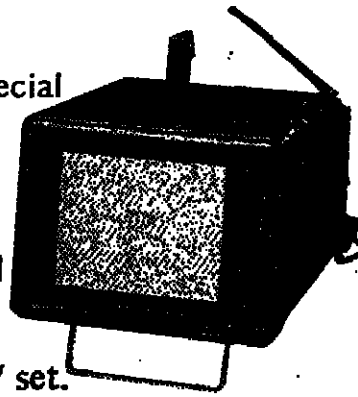
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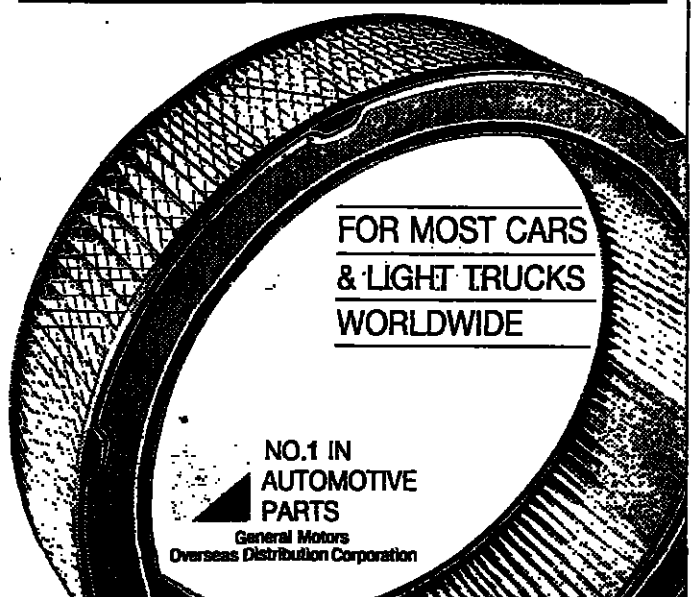
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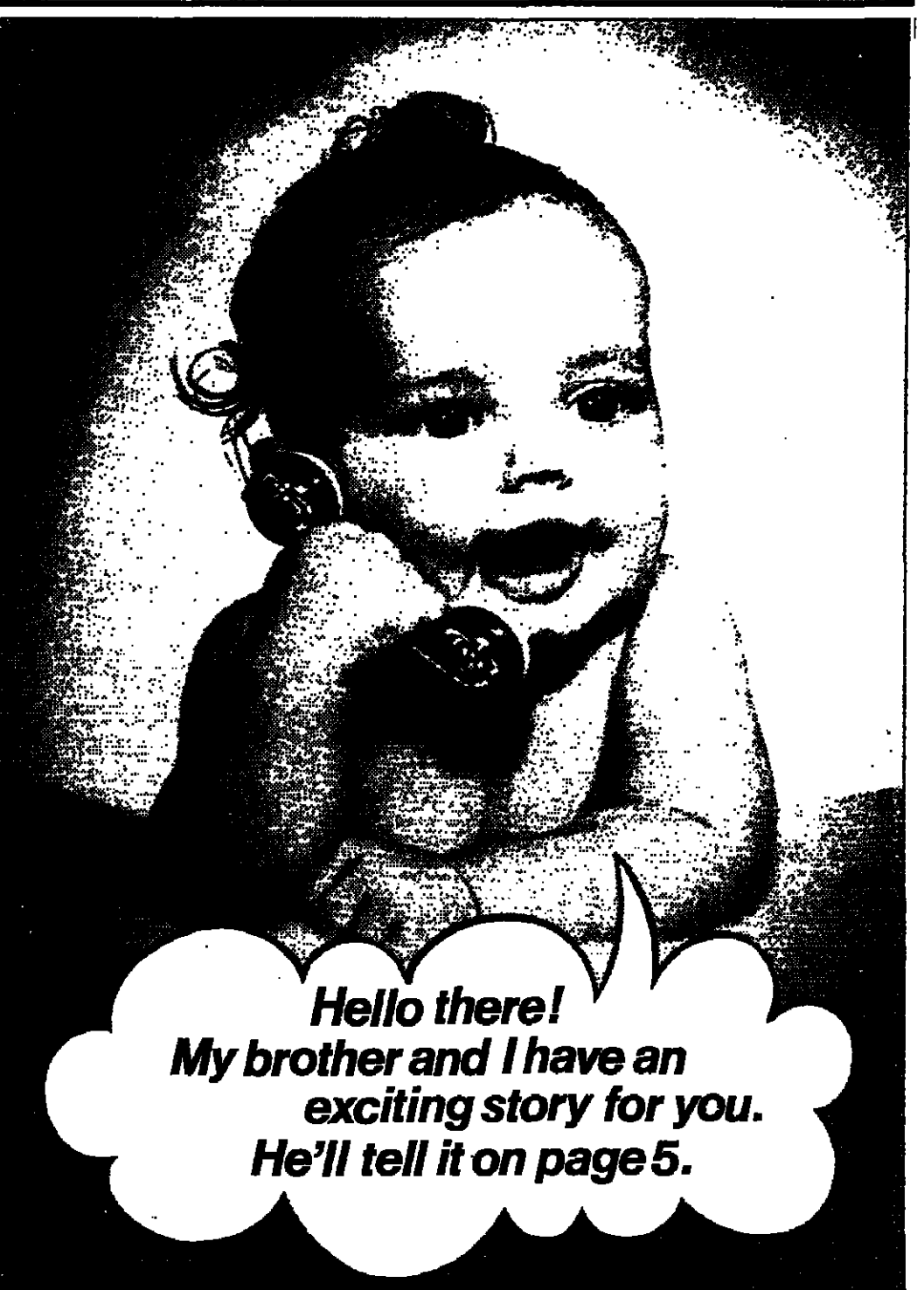
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## Kuwaiti ambassador urges US recognition of Palestinian rights

HUNTINGTON, West Virginia, Oct 23, (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Saud Nasir Al Sabah said here on Friday that unless the United States recognised the rights of the Palestinians to self-determination and to their own state, the Middle East peace process launched by the Reagan administration will remain at a standstill.

"We believe in the peace process and want it to continue," the Kuwaiti ambassador said. "But it should be built on the basis that the rights of the Palestinians should be preserved — not merely in words and theories, but in practice — and their right to self-determination should bring about the establishment of a Palestinian state."

The Kuwaiti diplomat made this and other comments at a Middle East conference being held here by the Washington-based Arab American Affairs Council in collaboration with Marshall University of West Virginia.

### Restraint

Sheikh Saud publicly thanked the United States for the positive role it has played in the region by guaranteeing freedom of navigation in the international waters of the Gulf and for the part it played in bringing about the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 598.

Sheikh Saud told the large group of Middle East experts, "We know the area is (still) very volatile, we know the problem could again break out into a new confrontation between the two parties, but we must maintain patience and exercise restraint and encourage the parties to come to a comprehensive settlement."

### Outlook

He added, "We call upon our friends around the world, especially the US, to assist us in this regard."

But although the Arab world in general and the Gulf states in particular are appreciative of the US role in the Gulf, Sheikh Saud emphasised that the Arabs still do not see eye-to-eye on a number of regional issues, especially the conflict between the Arabs and the Israelis.

According to the ambassador, the outlook for peace in the

region is bleak. "We cannot see any possibility of a peace process going forward without involving the legitimate people who should be negotiating — the Palestinians — and allowing them to determine their fate."

Referring to the call by the United States for direct negotiations, Sheikh Saud said, "Direct negotiations is an acceptable process, but with whom and by whom?"

The attempt by many parties to put the burden on Arab leaders to come and negotiate is not acceptable, he said.

### Uprising

Sheikh Saud continued, "If you want direct negotiations, then invite the party directly concerned — the Palestinians. Do not invite third parties, which cannot deliver."

The Kuwaiti ambassador lauded the Palestinian uprising going on for the last months and noted that the young Palestinians leading the uprising are "compelled by the occupying power to express their feelings and frustrations — not by lethal weapons, but by stones. They are the young people who have opted to take over their own destiny in their own hands."

Sheikh Saud said regional conflicts, and especially the Arab-Israeli conflict, should not be guided or dependent on elections in one country or the other.

"Solution of regional conflicts should be based on principles of justice, equity, and universal principles of human rights," he said.

Meanwhile, a US senior state department official at the conference Saturday rejected claims in the United States and in the Middle East that little progress has been made toward peace during the eight years of the Reagan administration.

Edward Walker, deputy assistant secretary of state for the Near East, told the American Arab Affairs Council conference, "some of the markers of progress are distinct — troops withdrawn, negotiations under way, one-

time enemies meeting face-to-face."

"But others are not visible, though just as important — burdensome policies lifted, illusions stripped away, a common hunger for peace recognised, and a general change in attitudes."

Discussing the Iran-Iraq war and the current peace negotiations, Walker said: "The ceasefire and the momentum of negotiations between Iran and Iraq must be preserved. Our naval presence in the Gulf helped bring the parties to the negotiating table. Our will to see it through and our financial and moral support of the UN peacekeeping group and the secretary-general can help to ensure that negotiations do not falter."

### Reform

Commenting on Lebanon, the State Department official reiterated earlier American statements that the United States "will not dictate the terms of that country's political reform or the personality of its leadership."

He emphasised the American belief that the opportunity still exists for the Lebanese people to choose a president and begin reform.

"Consensus among Lebanon's factions must be achieved before the opportunity for reconciliation and the preservation of Lebanon's integrity is lost," Walker asserted.

Discussing the Palestinian intifada, the official commented, "The intifada illustrates that the status quo is untenable — the human and economic costs to Israelis and Palestinians are too high. Both sides must work towards an environment of moderation that allows for a political settlement."

"The PLO faces an unprecedented political challenge, it has shown it can oppose the conditions faced by the people it would lead," Walker said. "But can it provide for their needs?"

Walker called on Israel "to summon the courage for a bold step beyond the status quo in the territories. To respond to expressions of Palestinian grievances."

## Industrial projects feasible in Gulf region, says IMF

THE adviser to the chairman of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Dr Saeed Al Nabisi, was quoted as saying the Gulf Co-operation Council countries can accommodate any major industrial project.

This capability stems from the member states' financial resources, existence of adequate energy, capacity to import the required technology and adequate Arab manpower, the official added.

Speaking to the Sharjah-based Al Khaleej newspaper, he warned against over-investing in agriculture in the Arab Gulf region. He described the investment as too costly.

He added that the member states will witness a limited boom in the first three years after the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran. The boom will be proportionate to the member states' contributions in the Iraqi rehabilitation projects.

### Factor

The Iran-Iraq war was not the only factor which adversely affected the Iraqi economy, he said. The drastic drop in oil prices along with excessive spending contributed to the economic crisis facing the country.

Iraq's expenditures amounted to US \$15 billion per annum, compared to total annual income of US \$8 billion, the official said. He attributed the international oil crisis to the policy of industrial countries and said the crisis will continue for several

years. This scenario could be averted if the OPEC member states reach an agreement which stipulates respective output quotas, he said.

Although the Arab oil and non-oil producing countries recently adopted a new policy aimed at correcting their economies, Arab oil revenues dropped to US \$50 billion in 1987, compared to US \$200 billion in 1982, Al Nabisi concluded.

## Medical Society membership reaches 3,800

DR BADER HAMADA, secretary-general of Kuwait Medical Society, said that membership in the society totalled 3,800 physicians from hospitals, health centres and private clinics.

The society is an active member of the Arab Physicians Union. It organises several training courses for the public including first-aid and medical seminars.

The official added that the society is planning to prepare a special health programme for the public through the use of television, radio and the local media.

The society also is going to study the medical defence law to protect physicians against charges that may be levied against them by their clients, Hamada added.

## Ministry signs 47 contracts in one year

IN just one year, the Ministry of Health signed 47 contracts with private companies, according to a report on the implementation of the ministry's health plan. The contracts were valued at KD21 million.

The follow-up report, which covered July 1987 to June 1988, encouraged the private sector to contribute to the health services in the country. It added that these measures should ensure the high quality of such services.

The report said that there was no major change in the staff structure of the ministry during the same period. The number of Kuwaiti nurses dropped from 672 to 660. Non-Kuwaiti nurses increased from 7,273 to 7,312 by the end of June.

It added that 2,567 doctors, specialists and general practitioners are working with the ministry along with 713 dentists, 422

pharmacists and 5,171 technicians. These figures include 1,838 Kuwaitis.

The number of hospitals remained unchanged. There are 16 government and eight private hospitals. The number of dental clinics increased from 162 to 193, while central health clinics increased from 626 to 673 and government laboratories remained at 88.

Beds at government hospitals increased from 5,300 to 5,486. Private hospital beds increased from 568 to 590, according to the report. Private clinics increased from 63 to 65.

Patients at hospitals increased slightly from 192,496 to 192,641. The number of patients who visited the outpatient clinics at the government hospitals rose from 2.5 million to 2.7 million, the report said.



Rashid Moharib (second from left) addressing the press conference.

## Music festival begins Wednesday

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT'S first music festival is scheduled to be held from Wednesday through Friday at Al Sha'ab Sea Club.

The festival has been organised by the club in co-operation with professional musicians. The competing bands in the forthcoming festival were selected after intense competition, said Rashid Moharib, deputy director of the Sea Clubs in Kuwait, at a press conference yesterday.

A renowned musician, Abdul Raouf Ismael, will head a panel of judges who will evaluate the performance of the participants. Ismael said the festival was organised to highlight the talents of musicians in Kuwait. There are plans for more festivals to be held annually and to include participants from other Gulf states if this year's event is successful, he said.

Participants range in age from 6 to 26 years and include both amateurs and professionals, he said. They will play musical instruments and sing Arab and foreign songs.

Eleven bands will perform at the festival and 35 individuals out of 70 contestants were selected to participate. The screening process took 30 days to complete.

During auditions, performers had to sing or play musical instruments. Each performance will be limited to 10 to 15 minutes. They will be judged on originality, voice, music and their presentation.

Some of the festival's programmes will be televised, Ismael said.

A large stage and seating for 2,000 spectators have been provided for the event.

Performances will be from 7.30 until 10.30 pm. Wednesday through Friday at Al Sha'ab Sea Club.

Saudi Arabia has begun repaying more than \$1 billion to foreign workers who subscribed to a pension fund cancelled last year, expatriates said yesterday.

They said they had begun to receive cheques from the General Organisation for Social Insurance, which had collected an estimated five billion riyals (\$1.35 billion) for the fund before King Fahd cancelled it.

News of the move brought long queues to Riyadh Central Post Office as eager refund-seekers checked their mail.

Saudi bankers said they also were receiving cheques for expatriates with accounts in their banks. Saudi American Bank is handling payment transfers for foreign workers who have left the country.

Private-sector workers from the mid-1970s paid 5 per cent of their salaries to the compulsory fund.

## Kuwait observes holiday

KUWAIT, Oct 23, (KUNA): Kuwait today joined the Islamic world in celebrating the anniversary of the birthday of the Holy Prophet Mohammed, (PBUH) and an official holiday was observed by all ministries and public and private institutions and companies.

Last night a religious ceremony was held at the State Grand Mosque. Minister of Awaqaf and Islamic Affairs Khalid Al Jassar and other officials and citizens attended.

During a speech at the ceremony, Jassar referred to the speech made by HH the Amir at the United Nations General Assembly on Sept 28. The Amir called for abolishing interest on loans and cancelling part of the loans of indebted poorer states.

### Reunite

Jassar also spoke about the end of the Iran-Iraq war and expressed hope that the Islamic ranks would reunite to confront the common enemy.

Jassar also urged support for the Afghan mujahideen who are fighting to liberate their country and restore Islam to Afghanistan.

The minister also said this anniversary is occurring while Palestinians in the occupied territories are undergoing repression and atrocities. Jassar called for continued support to the Palestinian uprising.

## Muslims pray for rain

KUWAIT, Oct 23, (KUNA): Muslims offered rain-seeking prayers (Istisqa) Sunday morning in various mosques in the country.

The prayers, following example of the Holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), are offered when rain is late or scarce.

## Two sentenced for liquor sales

KUWAIT'S Court of Misdemeanours convicted two bootleggers on a charge of selling liquor.

The first defendant was sentenced to four months in jail to be followed by deportation and the second to three months in jail.

The court was told that detectives of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) caught the first defendant red-handed. A search of his residence revealed seven cartons of whiskey.

The accused acknowledged that he purchased the contraband from the second defendant for KD420 per carton and sold each bottle for KD46.

## Iraqi envoy says Kuwait will play role in reconstruction

KUWAIT, Oct 23, (KUNA): Iraq's Ambassador to Kuwait Asim Yakoub has affirmed that Iraq's relations with the Arab world will continue on the same level after the war.

In an interview with Al Seyasah daily newspaper today, Yakoub said Iraq abides by the principle of avoiding interference in the internal affairs of other Arab countries and respects their sovereignty and is prepared to extend help to any of them in times of need.

### Campaign

Answering a question on the role Kuwaiti companies can play in the reconstruction of the Iraqi Fao city, the ambassador said those who stood by Iraq during the war will be fairly treated. On the basis of such a principle Kuwaiti companies will have a role in construction efforts.

Discussing the US campaign

against Iraq for alleged use of chemical weapons against Kurdish rebels, the ambassador said the US and the West want to keep attention away from the practices of Israel against the Palestinians who are resisting the occupation in the occupied Arab territories.

He said that relations between the US and Iran have never been halted. "We have had bitter experience with America, and it has revealed the gap in the Fao, through the satellites, and leaked false information and participated in its (Fao) occupation at the time."

## Saudi envoy denies meeting Jewish leaders

RIYADH, Oct 23, (KUNA): The Saudi Ambassador to the US, Prince Bandar Bin Sultan, has categorically denied a report in the Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv that he has met with New York Jewish leaders.

In a statement to the Saudi Press Agency, Prince Bandar said details of the alleged meeting broadcast on Radio Israel were baseless and untrue.

"I have met, in view of the nature of my work, with some Congressmen and American businessmen to explain the kingdom's policy," the Saudi ambassador said.

The envoy pointed out that the meetings were also designed to highlight Saudi Arabia's stance and view point on issues of the Middle East including the Palestinian cause with the aim of reaching a fair and lasting settlement based on resolutions of the Fez Arab summit.

Prince Bandar reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's condemnation of Israeli violence and oppression against the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

The official also renewed Saudi support to the Palestinian people and their struggle until their national rights are restored.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

### Bahrain pursues family planning

THE economic, political and social prosperity of developing countries nowadays depends to a large extent on their ability to control the growth of their population.

In this context Bahrain has joined other developing countries in actively pursuing the goals and principles of family planning for its citizens.

The Bahrain Family Planning Association, believed to be only one of its kind in the Gulf, was launched in 1975 by a group of intellectuals, health personnel, lawyers, social workers and leading businessmen with permission from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Over the years the association has grown considerably and it has succeeded in making the concept of family planning acceptable to people from all walks of life.

"Family planning does not only mean reducing the number of people, but also educating people to improve the quality of their life. People should enjoy life in terms of quality of services they receive," said Jafar Al Darazi, founder member and former president of the association.

The association works in close co-operation and co-ordination with the Ministries of Labour and Social Affairs, Health and Education as well as other organisations dealing with social work and women's affairs.

It tries to reach poor people, who are believed to be most in need of such services, through seminars, conferences, media campaigns, correspondence, personal visits and training by voluntary workers.

There is a strong emphasis on research to determine the needs of family planning services. The association's qualified personnel carry out surveys and interview sessions to assess need and the results of services rendered.

But research is not confined to the association. Any individual or source is welcome to contribute ideas and issues.

"We try to stress the concept of responsible parenthood. In a male-dominated society like ours it is not unusual to see a man leaving everything to his wife soon after the birth of a child. A woman may give birth to a child but a man should contribute equally to the rearing of that child. He can help by doing chores at home and even baby-sitting. He must share everything with his wife," said Al Darazi.

"Family planning is not merely an issue of economic importance, but also of human rights. When a child is born he or she has the right to be loved and wanted; to be given maximum opportunities to lead a full life. The decision to have a child should be rational and not a random one," he added.

It is not surprising that planners give much importance to a woman's role both as a mother and as a wife in society. She is seen not only as a "producer" but also as an active member of society. It is believed that education and employment for women are the best ways in which Bahrain can control population growth.

The association has limited resources to carry out its activities. It is heavily dependent on its small number of dedicated volunteer staff and financial help.

The association has programmes based on a three-year plan. The programmes are financed by subscription, local donations from commercial firms and by a grant from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. An external grant comes exclusively from the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), to which the association is affiliated.

### Plastics plant to be built

A PLASTICS plant costing BD113 million will be built in Bahrain, according to industry sources.

The US company Bechtel is said to be drawing up final details of the project, which involves building a complex to produce polypropylene and polypropylene.

The complex will be built near the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Co. plant at Sitra, said the informed source.

Bechtel is expected to submit a full report on the plan to the Bahrain government.

The complex is expected to produce 100,000 tonnes each of polypropylene and polypropylene for export to Europe and the Far East. The materials are used to make a wide range of moulded plastic products, like bottles, pipes and rope fibres.

Responsible chemical industry sources said Banagas will supply propane for processing of the proposed plant.

### Electricity deposit doubled

THE electricity deposit has been doubled to BD100 because more and more people are failing to pay bills before moving.

The Director of Administration and Finance at the Ministry of Works, Power and Water, Abdullah Mansoor, said that many expatriates and locals had failed to pay their bills.

"The BD50, which we used to charge, didn't do anything to deter people," he said. "People who finished their contracts in Bahrain just left without paying, and some Bahrainis move out without even bothering to pay their unpaid bills," he added.

He said the Electricity Directorate had to change its policy. "We couldn't do much about the expatriates who left the island without paying. What can we do, take court action? Its not worth the hassle," said Mansoor.

Mansoor said the average consumer can afford to pay the BD100. "This is a reasonable amount for people to digest. Even if they think of leaving the island, we have managed to take the BD100," he said. All expatriates renting a home are required to produce the BD100 and a guarantee from a sponsor, before they can be supplied with power.

### Building inspections urged

ENGINEERS in Bahrain have highlighted the need for regular inspections to tackle the problem of crumbling concrete in buildings.

Concern about dangerous structures is growing within the profession as well as among the public, said a member of the Bahrain Society of Engineers.

Groome MacMillan, materials testing and research manager at the Ministry of Works, Power and Water, said this could lead to new laws on building safety.

MacMillan, who organised the society's recent five-day seminar on concrete repairs, said: The engineers taking part in the course felt there was a need for a formal system of inspection to make sure buildings are safe.

The course, at the Holiday Inn, was attended by more than 40 engineers and consultants from the government and the private sector. It included site visits to old buildings in Manama, said MacMillan.

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A seminar entitled 'Urinalysis Past, Present & Future' was recently held at the Kuwait Medical Association. The meeting was sponsored by the Marketing Projects Co. (MAPCO) in conjunction with Ames, a division of Miles Ltd and attended by physicians and laboratory technicians from the Ministry of Public Health, the military and the private sector. Picture shows Dr Alfred H. Free, the speaker (centre) Dan Gouden from Miles Co (right) and Yousef Boutouk from Marketing Projects Co.



## INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

## Fact, fiction and fantasy

By Fathima Ahmed

THE neatly packaged film within-a-film hits forcefully at the underlying passions in Akarshan (Attraction), shattering a myth or strengthening it. Tanvir Ahmed's telefilm is an interesting, at times, self-deprecating look at glamour, glitter and sleaze that is commonly identified with cinema, and film stars.

A clever mixture of fact and fiction, dreams and reality and the undercurrents that make or break relationships provide an innovative backdrop for Akarshan's theme. Tanvir hits hard at film journalists, and their method of operation, exploding myths, reinforcing others — but forever pointing out — once too often — that a star is not a product for display. He or she is capable of emotions, deserving sympathy — and a degree of respect.

Akarshan's hero, Abhishek's poignant appeal touches the heart through the story of the tenuous man-woman relationship. Often, his plight is heart-breaking. The actor in him surfaces only to be confused by the man within him, tearing him away from the real and plunging him into the unreal.

**Emotions**  
"Film stars make and break ties; their emotions are skin deep: forget Priya — she is an actress," says Didi (played by Rohini Hattangady). Didi implies that Priya, by the sheer virtue of being an actress, is incapable of love, or being loved. Not true, insists Tanvir, as he defines Priya's character, projecting her as a victim in the world of glamour.

And, then, they question her emotions. "Do you really love

him or are you using him to make a go of your career?" Didi asks. Victimised.

Perhaps factual, at least Tanvir's claims it to be. Why else would he show a callous director's indifference for Priya. Anand's claim of "love" seems deceitful, even shameful. ... Does he love her? Maybe to fulfil his own needs. Priya is the star of all his successful films, and his partner in bed.

**Jealousy**

Director Anand's (Girish Karnad) envy, bordering on insane jealousy when Priya goes on a date with actor Abhishek, proves his involvement.

Anand was so engrossed in "finely etching a sequence" that he ignored the pathetic pleas for help while Priya burned inside a hut on the sets. She was dramatically rescued by hero Abhishek.

Anand is soon forgotten. Abhishek steps in.

Anand later tries to heal the rift with a dejected Priya: "A director is more interested in the overall impact of the film than saving the heroine. But my feelings for you haven't changed."

Priya's silence is eloquent. Her insecurity pathetic. As Priya's friend tells her: "Priya, you've expected, and had taken for granted a relationship based on business. What you expect and what you get are two different things." Should they be?

For Anand, it was business — plus pleasure as it was readily available. Anand was unable to give up his family — wife and kids — for Priya. In return for her favours, he makes her a "star."

"Didn't I give you a name, fame and wealth?" he asks.

"Yes. But will you marry me?" she asks.

"No," he replies in agony. Is the agony true or false?

This constant interaction of reality and fantasy imparts an appealing allure to Tanvir's Akarshan.

**Sympathy**

By exposing Priya's vulnerability, and defencelessness, the director reveals the woman petrified, guiltily hoping to find an anchor, anything to hold on to. Priya's character evokes sympathy — one is never certain whether she is playing or her trauma is for real. So is the character of Abhishek, a finely etched role played fiercely and with much sympathy by Akbar Khan, Feroz Khan's brother.

There are flashes from the real Bombay film world — Parveen Babi, Smita Patil, Raj Babbar and others, who appear in sequences squeezed into the telefilm format.

Success has a price attached to it. And the stars, if Tanvir is to be believed, pay a high price.

Akar Khan tends to overact in some sequences, but this doesn't spoil the overall effect of his performance. Sonu Walia, a model turned actress, does justice to Priya's role. Rohini Hattangady as Didi symbolises the clawing family, hell-bent on saving the actor from what she believes is total disaster.

The film makes interesting viewing because it differs in content and presentation due to Tanvir's often slick, perceptive direction despite the director's needless indulgence in self-pity, focussed through Abhishek and Priya's plight.

The film is by courtesy of Athar Video, Main St., Farwaniya. Tel: 4712900.



Sonu Walia in Akarshan.

## BBC films series on Indian cinema

A BBC television team is in India to record the history of Indian cinema. The series, which is now being filmed in Bombay, will be shown for two hours in December on the British network, according to Indian news reports.

Douglas Woodroff, its production controller, was quoted as saying that his team has already shot a gathering at the premiere of actor Feroz Khan's Dayavan on Oct 20, Dussehra Day, at a leading cinema in south Bombay. "This is to get an idea of how premiere shows are responded to in India," Woodroff said.

The team will go to Calcutta and Nasik in western Maharashtra to interview world famous filmmaker Satyajit Ray and Ms Mandakani, daughter of Dadasaheb Phalke. Dev Anand, Dilip Kumar, Amitabh Bachchan, Rajesh



Amitabh Bachchan

Khanna and others would also be interviewed.

The silent era of the industry had been included in the programme. Uday Raw Kavi is the production co-ordinator of the project.

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## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
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Starring: Noor Shariff, Laila Alwi  
**Al Salmiya**  
Wet God (from Sunday)  
Starring: Brooke Shields  
**Al Hamra**  
Dayavan (Hindi)  
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Feroze Khan, Madhuri Dixit  
**Drive-In**  
Ighthal Madrasah (Arabic)  
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sabireen, Hisham Salim, Salah Qabil

**Fahsheel Open-Air**  
Kanwarlal (Hindi)  
Starring: Jeetendra, Sujatha Mehta  
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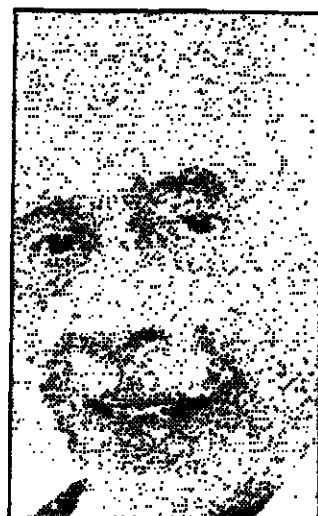
## KTV 1

## MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Good Morning  
9.15 Cartoon serial  
9.45 World News via Satellite  
10.00 Abu Al Fuloos: local serial  
10.45 Good Morning  
11.00 Wa Yabqa Al Amal: part one of new serial, starring: Abeer Essa, Mohammad Qabani, Shafiqah Tall, Tayseer Attiya  
11.45 News Summary  
12.15 The Secret of the Sea  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran/ Close-down

## EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
5.15 Mama Anisa and Children  
5.45 Songs and Music  
6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan  
7.00 News Summary  
7.20 Song and Music  
7.45 Quran and Science: presented by Dr Shawki Ibrahim  
8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashiya: Arabic serial, starring Jafar Saadi.



Harry Morgan stars in You Can't Take It With You, a family comedy at 10 pm tonight, KTV 2.

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons  
6.30 The Friends of My Friends: "Musicalian." Tonight's episode focusses on Pakistan, as seen by a group of young musicians learning

national and folk songs from Ali Khan, an artist living in Rawalpindi.

7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news

7.30 Out of This World: "Dueling Mayors." Who will win the elections? Mayor Kyle Applegate, seeking a third term, or actor Charles Nelson?

8.00 News in English

8.40 Miami Vice: "Contempt of Court."

9.30 In Search of ... Hiroshima: Survivors of the first atomic bomb attack talk about their experiences.

10.00 You Can't Take It With You: Harry Morgan stars in this family show. Tonight, one of the girls wants to raise funds for a charity.

10.30 Jake and the Fatman: Another murder, and more intrigue follow, after a pretty woman's husband is killed. Starring: William Conrad and E. Penny

11.30 News Summary

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsweek  
30 Religious Service  
0100 News Summary followed by 3rd from Ray to Rajiv, 10th An Artist or Nothing: 17th Jos Williams, 24th The National Brass Band Championships 1988  
45 The Spinners and Friends  
0200 World News Review  
09 British Press  
15 Peabody's Choice  
30 Science in Action  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Good Books  
30 Anything Goes  
0400 Newsweek  
30 Malgudi Days  
45 Reflections  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Nature Notebook  
45 Recording of the Week  
0600 Newsweek  
30 A Green and Pleasant Land  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Latin Americans (ex 24th Rescuing the Rhine)

0800 World News  
09 Reflections  
15 Malgudi Days  
30 Anything Goes  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Good Books  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Peabody's Choice  
1000 News Summary followed by A Green and Pleasant Land  
30 The Vintage Chart Show  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Tech Talk  
30 The Ken Bruce Show  
1200 Radio Newsweek  
15 3rd and 10th Raffles; 17th Hancock's Half-Hour, 24th Round the Home  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Anything Goes  
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 A Choice of Verse  
1500 Radio Newsweek  
15 A Green and Pleasant Land  
45 English Songsmiths  
1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Americans in Europe  
30 Lyrics and Lyricists  
45 The World Today  
1700 World News  
09 Commentary

15 New Music  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newsweek  
30 Multitrack 1: Top 20  
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary  
39 Stock Market Report  
45 Peabody's Choice  
2000 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Sports International  
2100 News Summary followed by Network UK  
15 3rd and 10th Language Extra; 17th and 24th Turning Point  
30 The Vintage Chart Show  
2200 World News  
09 The World Today  
30 Financial News  
40 Reflections  
45 Sports Roundup  
2300 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Mastering Photography  
30 Multitrack 1: Top 20

## Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Behrten Quail  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Islamiyat: Daur-e-Hazir  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Hamare Mehman  
2100 Closedown

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tarab Rajab Museum**  
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Saudi House**  
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## THEATRE

**Bengali Play**  
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mousetrap Group, a Bangladeshi group presents "Ballavpur Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For details phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr Hayder — 5625456.

## SOCIAL

**Colva Nite**  
OCT 27: 8.30 pm. Messilah Beach Hotel: Colva Nite with music by The Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm).

**Halloween Party**  
OCT 31: Children's Hall-queen pool party at Messilah Beach. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and pool fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

**Nite Flight 88**  
NOV 10: SAS Hotel. The Tent. 9.30 pm: Airline staff will hold a social evening with music by Juke Box Band. Stepping Stones, and the Jazz Quartet. Buffet, contest, prizes and surprises. For reservations contact Ken Winston — 5740256; John — 2435440; Tony — 2415439.

**Navellim Youth Centre**  
NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407360 after 3.30 pm. Goa Cultural Association.

**DEC 8: Goa Cultural Association (S.U.F.A.), will hold their annual social evening at a local Kuwait hotel.**

## MUSIC

**David McArthur Recital**  
OCT 31: 8 pm. Mousetrap Theatre, Jabriya: British pianist David McArthur will give a recital as part of his third annual Gulf tour. For details contact 2469348/2441746/240-2287.

**Bob Marley Night**  
NOV 4: SAS Tent, 7.30 to 9.30 pm: Steve Michael and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae.

## EDUCATION

**British Council**  
OCT 25-26: 5.30 pm. A talk by students with a non-British secondary education will be held at the British Council, Manourya. For reservations call 2515512.

## CINEMA

**Children's Film**  
OCT 26-27: A film for children, Annie, will be shown at the British Council on Oct 26, 6 pm, and Oct 27, 10.30 am. Annie dreams of a life outside the orphanage and Daddy Warbucks makes her dream come true. Duration: 123 minutes. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

## HOTELS

**At the SAS**  
AL BUSTAN: "Oktober Fest," until Oct 28, featuring German cuisine. Buffet includes nudel suppe mit hutn, veal kasseler and other dishes. Al Bustan offers Friday brunch for families, 11.30 am to 3 pm. Duo Paradise from Poland provide music.  
Sahral Al Khaimah: Oriental night, held every Tuesday in the Tent, highlights are Arab souk, Oriental cuisine and Oriental music.  
Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.  
Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zohrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

**At the Meridien**  
LA BRASSERIE: Thursday's jam session, foot tapping jazz music by Remy D'Mello; family fun on Fridays; oriental buffet with music and video cartoons.  
Versailles: Lunch and dinner — grilled seafood; meat or fish fondue; grilled salmon.  
Al Waha: Noodles promotion; chocolate cakes, pastries and truffles; until Sept 30.

**Fingian Tea Lounge:** Banana promotion; plus tea, coffee, refreshments and juices served in oriental atmosphere of tea lounge.

**At the Sheraton**  
RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna's Duo. Lunch and dinner, daily. Closed on Fridays.  
Al Hambra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Wednesdays: seafood night; Friday's buffet brunch. Entertainment by the Marcus Band provide live entertainment.  
Hunt Room: Lunch and dinner rest, specialises in meat and fish dishes.  
Le Tarnbouche: Daily lunch

and dinner buffet featuring Arab cuisine. Thursdays: Arab world specialities; Fridays: buffet lunch and dinner.

**Coffee Shop:** International cuisine and daily specials; ideal for casual or business meeting.

**At the Ramada**  
LE MIRAGE NIGHT CLUB: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arzz Band.

**Al Bandar Coffee Shop:** Continental and Arabic buffets, breakfast, lunch and dinner, 6 am to midnight. For reservations call 2515512.

**Al Gandouli Grill Garden:** 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.  
Fish and Chips Shop: 4 pm to 11 pm.

**Take away counter:** 4 pm to 11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
SHAHRAZAD BBQ featured every Wednesday at the poolside at 8 pm. On Wednesdays Al Dana features "sea drama on ice," on Thursdays, an Indian night offering exotic eastern cuisine is held.

Thursdays: Dine and dance to music by Arab singers at Al Andalus Night Club. Friday: fun 'n' surprises for children and parents at the weekly brunch, 11 am to 3 pm.

## SPORTS

**Inter-commercial bowling league**  
OCT 27: 300 Club; 6.30 pm: Men's Division. PPA vs Kay & Asso. Inc. Phil Supreme vs Magnolia; Hatid Ligaya vs Al Naqub & Khattar.  
OCT 28: 1 pm. Finals: Step-ladder.

Women's Division: 9 am. Magnolia vs Ged's; Far East Rest. vs Boodal.  
NOV 4: 9 am. Finals. Magnolia vs Far East Rest.; Boodal vs Ged's.

**Nomads Garden Fete**  
OCT 28: 12 noon to 4 pm. Kuwait Nomads R.F.C. Garden Fete at Messilah Beach Hotel. Raffle for a BA ticket to London or Madras. Lots of stalls, games and prizes. Fun for all the family. Admission: 500 fils. For details phone H. McAre (work) 4710576; G. Bennett — 5382663.

**PBAK Awards**  
NOV 4: 4 pm: Ambassador Alunan C. Glang will present awards to the winners of the first PBAK inter-commercial bowling league. Buffet dinner. Admission: KD. 5 per person. For reservations phone Sara Macarimbang 4843447; Ojie Olor — 5634200; Cora Paras — 4897536.

**Laser Club**  
NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

**Thank you for trusting my sister on page 3. But our story is written on page 7.**



# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

BLESSED is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact — George Eliot, English novelist (1819-1880).

## OPINION

### Proposal to turn Saudi company into Islamic firm

KING Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, the custodian of the two holy mosques recently announced the establishment of Taibah Company for real estate investment.

The company is a Saudi investment company engaged in construction activities in Makkah and Madina.

The idea is a truly excellent one for several reasons, including the investment point of view and the organisational manner in which it is intended to be run. The latter aspect will streamline day-to-day operations by avoiding red-tape and bureaucracy.

Studies on King Fahd's idea of establishing the company stress that it will achieve good profits and will greatly benefit the holy lands.

One important factor remains and we would like to bring this to the attention of King Fahd. Why not transform this company into an Islamic company in which private funds from all Islamic countries could be used — particularly since there are huge "Waqf" funds in the Islamic world waiting for an opportunity to be invested.

Moreover, Saudi Arabia has rendered great service to the holy lands. The enhanced concentration of Saudi services to the holy sites in the past few years, when King Fahd himself was following the various development projects both in Makkah and Madina, are evident.

During the next 10 years, hundreds of thousands of Muslims are expected to visit the holy places in Makkah and Madina. Out of the one billion Muslims in the world, millions are expected to visit the holy shrines for their pilgrimage.

The Islamic world is certainly indebted to King Fahd who proposed the demolition of old houses around the Holy Kaaba in Makkah and the Prophet's Mosque in Madina and the construction of huge modern residential complexes to accommodate visiting pilgrims.

King Fahd has held high the flag of organising and developing the holy shrines during the next 10 years.

If the holy lands are left without such construction projects, pilgrimage will not be possible for all Muslims. The number of visitors may have to be limited simply to prevent more pilgrims than the holy lands can accommodate.

Returning to the proposed Taibah Company, we ask what prevents the company from being organised on a pan-Islamic basis with Islamic money contributing to its capital base.

As stated before, the concept of the company is excellent, and the Saudi government is guaranteeing its profits.

What we are advocating is simply an idea. We don't know if the suggestion will be welcomed by the custodian of the two holy mosques or not. It is merely an idea we are proposing and would appreciate it very much if we could get a reply.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

### Leadership change troubles Kohl

By John Kampfer

BONN. (Reuters): Never a man to take chances when compromise will do, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl spent his first six years in office trying to diffuse tension between his two warring coalition partners.

The death of Bavarian Premier Franz Josef Strauss, powerful leader of the Christian Social Union (CSU) — sister party of Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) — appeared to give Kohl a chance to finally come off the political tightrope.

But politicians and analysts say his task remains as hard as ever, with a new, younger CSU chief, Theo Waigel, keen to make a mark, and the experienced Count Otto Lambsdorff taking over the helm of CDU's other coalition partner, the Liberal Free Democrats (FDP).

**Problem** Strauss death on Oct 3 removed an outspoken critic of the chancellor. But it also deprived the union of the CDU and the CSU of an important vote-catcher.

"Kohl's main problem is now going to be keeping disgruntled conservative voters in the fold. Many voted for the union because of Strauss," said Meinhard Miegel, head of a Bonn think-tank, the Institute for Economic and Social Policy.

"People saw in Strauss a man of stature, of vision. Now they see how colourless West German politics is, how boring its leaders are," Miegel said, noting that in recent elections an increasing number of conservative voters stayed at home.

Defections from the CSU, which operates only in Bavaria, may have a crucial influence on the next general election, due by 1991. The CDU depends partly on it to stay in power.

Strauss was an uncompromising proponent of conservative politics, earning him an almost king-like status in Bavaria and many enemies elsewhere.

Despite leaving the cabinet in 1969, he continued to wield huge influence in Bonn and always commanded respect. Kohl often had to travel cap-in-hand in Strauss' office in Munich to seek his agreement on important issues.

But Kohl also had to balance the needs of the CSU with those of the Free Democrats, who have had a role in government for much of West Germany's 39-year history.

The Liberals abandoned their long-time allies, the Social Democrats, in 1982, joining forces with Kohl's CDU.

The outgoing Liberal leader, Martin Bangemann, was often criticised within his party for not putting enough pressure on Kohl. Lambsdorff, a former economics minister, could act differently.

Both Lambsdorff, 61, and Waigel, 49, have said they do not want ministerial posts, preferring to lobby their party's view in back-room meetings. Their decisions underline Kohl's stress on coalition pacts at the expense of cabinet authority.

**Slim** Lambsdorff was chosen by a slim majority at a party congress on Oct 8 to succeed as FDP chairman.

"He's a tough negotiator. But he'll be closely scrutinised by the party and will be under pressure to show his strength in the coalition," FDP spokesman Peter Ehrlich said.

The CSU on Oct 16 chose Waigel to chart a new course of the party in the post-Strauss era. Waigel must assert his authority soon if the CSU is to keep its share of the vote in Bavaria and its powerful Bonn lobby.

The CSU has ruled Bavaria with an absolute majority for more than 20 years. But it has lost votes over the past few years and in the post-Strauss era could fall under 50 per cent in forthcoming state and general elections.

It received 56 per cent in the last state vote in 1986.

### Long and tragic involvement in Lebanon

## US treading softly through the maze of politics

By Ruth Sinal

WASHINGTON, (AP): President Ronald Reagan's administration, smarting from its long and tragic involvement in Lebanon, is treading softly through the maze of Lebanese politics with a nervous eye on the country's creeping partition.

US diplomacy is essentially in a holding pattern designed to prevent Lebanon's disintegration, at least until the next US administration takes over and decides whether to continue American involvement or to pull out.

"We want to do nothing that will judge that country into partition," said Richard Murphy, the assistant secretary of state who has dealt with Lebanon in recent years.

Murphy's latest gambit was a shuttle to Lebanon in September to try and work out a list of presidential candidates acceptable to Syria — which controls

large parts of Lebanon, to the Christians who have traditionally run the country and to the Muslims who constitute the majority.

#### Support

"Murphy couldn't get Syria to budge" from its support of Mikhael Daher, whom the main Christian group rejected, said an official who accompanied Murphy to Damascus. He spoke on condition he not be named.

US officials now concede their initial support of Daher was wrong because it antagonised Lebanon's Christians and in effect prevented elections from being held.

Instead, tiny Lebanon has two governments — one led by Maronite Christian Gen. Michel Aoun and the other by Muslim acting Prime Minister Salim Al-Hoss.

Aoun's appointment on Sept 22, in the last minutes of the presidency of Amin Gemayel, deepened a political schism that

threatens to formalize the unofficial Christian-Muslim partition created by the 1975 civil war.

Because of the fragmentation, US officials are now dealing with all sides. "There isn't a leader in Lebanon we're not dealing with," Murphy said in congressional testimony.

#### Problems

But that course is also fraught with problems. Both Christians and Muslims last week accused US Ambassador John McCarthy of interfering in Lebanon's affairs, although both sides had earlier urged US involvement to help resolve the crisis.

The Reagan administration first became enmeshed in Lebanon in 1982, when the United States sent in the Marines to oversee the pullout of Palestinian commandos and invading Israeli troops from Beirut. A suicide car bomber put an end to the Marine presence later that year, killing 241 Americans.

But Secretary of State George Shultz was determined. He orchestrated negotiations between Israel and Lebanon for a peace agreement in 1983, only to have the rug pulled from under him by Gemayel's abdication of the agreement soon after it was signed.

"Shultz was disgusted and for a long time he refused to touch Lebanon," said Yahya Sadowski, a scholar of Lebanon at the Brookings Institution, an independent think tank.

#### Hands-off

The hands-off policy remained in place until late last year, when Murphy sought permission to try again. This time, the United States wanted to serve as postman between Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Gemayel, who weren't talking to each other.

The object of the exchange was to agree on constitutional reforms in Lebanon that would grant the Muslim majority more

power and would facilitate the September elections. But that effort also failed, with the sides failing to agree on a power-sharing formula.

With the failure of efforts to find a consensus candidate in September, "they really lost what enthusiasm they had left," said Sadowski.

#### Elections

Why not give up? "We're doing a lot less than we used to," said a State Department official who makes daily policy on Lebanon. The United States is no longer trying to build up the Lebanese Army, its aid programmes are down to less than \$1 million and it has washed its hands of attempts to negotiate constitutional reform between the parties, he said.

"But we're not pulling out. We'll remain engaged until the last minute," the official added. The American ambassador

and his staff in Beirut are still meeting with the factions to try and fashion a short list of candidates so that elections can be held, he said.

"Our involvement is one of the few things that helps maintain the calm," the official said. US officials contend that partition would be damaging to American interests by further destabilising the region and giving completely free reign to drug traffickers and terrorists.

In recent weeks, a new player has entered the Lebanon equation further complicating matters. Iraq, which until July was engaged in a costly war with Iran, gave the Christian Lebanese Forces \$5 million and 68 tanks last month.

The next Washington administration inherits a sticky mess in Lebanon. It may decide on another approach, but it is quite likely to withdraw and let the Lebanese sort things out themselves.



By Andrew Tarnowski

WARSAW. (Reuters): Poland's armed forces, feeling the pinch of prolonged economic crisis, appear to be urging the politicians to stop squabbling and get down to modernising the country.

Compelled to cut back on men and equipment, they are speaking out in favour of a deal with the opposition to hoist Poland out of stagnation.

It is a remarkable turnaround for an Army that seven years ago imposed martial law, sent tanks into the streets to crush the Solidarity Free Trade Union and rounded up 10,000 opponents of the government.

Poland's 400,000-strong armed forces, the second biggest in the Warsaw Pact, have had a powerful voice in national affairs since General Wojciech Jaruzelski seized power in 1981 and put trusted generals in state, government and Communist Party posts.

**Collapse** The military takeover was followed by massive economic collapse in Poland in the following year. Painfully slow recovery since then, and recent labour unrest, prompted the communist authorities to offer a far-reaching pact with the opposition last month.

"We have... all the conditions for national reconciliation," Defence Minister General Florian Siwicki, one of several generals still in key posts, told comrades-in-arms at an Army Day reception this month.

"We consider support for a pro-reform coalition our duty as citizens," He spoke out as the government of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski hesitated about opening talks with the Solidarity-led opposition to hammer out an accord.

The talks are intended to seek agreement on reshaping Poland's political and economic structures and to forge a broad, credible coalition to present the reforms to a distrustful nation.

Siwicki did not comment on a proposal to re-legislate Solidarity — the key issue that is making the government waver — but made clear the military had done their bit for the economy and it was time for the politicians to do theirs.

"Poland has a chance to get on

### Modernise Poland, politicians urged



General Jaruzelski

the road of fast development. This chance cannot be lost or delayed by vain arguments," he said.

Reconciliation between the communist rulers and society, economic reform and political renewal would put Poland on the road to success, he added.

Possibly trying to reassure the politicians that it was safe to go ahead with major reforms, he said the Army remained the guardian of national security, opposing all attempts to violate the constitution or undermine the dignity and stability of the socialist state.

#### Costs

Siwicki said that during the 1980s the Army had repeatedly cut its numbers and held costs to about seven per cent of the state budget.

"That is the lowest limit as far as requirements are concerned and the highest as far as possibilities are concerned."

However, the military were now cutting costs even further and limiting orders for new equipment from foreign and domestic manufacturers, he said.

The Army, which since 1956 has diverted some defence plants to civilian production, would further boost its consumer goods output to help the government meet shortages in the shops.

Siwicki offered the Army's contribution to national reconciliation by praising the

achievements of the non-communist partisan home Army during World War II as well as the 200,000 Poles who fought in the West.

"The country will never forget its heroes," he said, linking the wartime achievements of the two forces loyal to the anti-Soviet London government-in-exile to those of the communist Army.

**Reconciliation** To underline the reconciliation, former home Army chief of Staff Zygmunt Janke and Stanislaw Skalski, an ace Battle of Britain pilot, were among retired officers promoted on Army Day to the rank of general.

Skalski, who commanded a fighter wing in the 1944 allied invasion of Europe, was jailed by the communist authorities for seven years when he returned to Poland after the war.

Siwicki said the Polish Army formed in 1943 under communist leadership had also suffered in the Soviet Union.

## 322 other candidates in US presidential race

By Graham Earnshaw

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): Lenora Fulani doesn't expect to be elected president of the United States on Nov 8, but she's standing anyway.

So are 322 other people, not counting Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis. The candidates range from the serious contestants presenting themselves as an alternative to the Democrats and Republicans, to the political fringe, to the downright wacky.

The Socialist Workers Party has a candidate. So does the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Voters, based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Al Hamburg of Hell, Wyoming, who once put his dog Woofie D. Coyote on the presidential ballot, is also standing this year, but he could not be reached for comment.

#### Strongest

The strongest alternative candidacies in recent American history were John Anderson, who got 5.7 million votes in the 1980 race against Ronald Reagan and then-President Jimmy Carter, and George Wallace, who took 9.9 million votes in the 1968 contest against Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon.

But the "also-runs" now generally say they're in the race for the world's most powerful elected post to air their often unorthodox views and push the main candidates closer to their own positions.

If the contest between the Democrats and the Republicans is close, the presence of alternative candidates on the ballot could be crucial in some states — or so the longshots hope.

Fulani, a 38-year-old black

psychologist from New York who represents the New Alliance Party, is the only alternative candidate to have made it onto the ballot in all states.

She argues for arms spending cuts, more welfare spending and the rights of minorities, the poor and homosexuals.

"Across this country the people cry out for a decent life," she said in a campaign speech. "Job training, job opportunities, farm subsidies, decent welfare payments. This is what the people need."

"But when it has come time to select a president of the United States, there have been only two parties on the ballot in every state of the country. Two parties — the Democrats and the Republicans — with a bipartisan loyalty to white corporate America," she added.

With the Communist Party's Gus Hall not on the presidential ballot this year, the Socialist Workers Party candidate James Warren is the only standard-bearer for the far left. But one of his aides said his aim wasn't to win votes.

"We haven't been concentrating on asking people to vote for us," said Marea Hinegrin. "What we are concentrating on is getting the working people who are thinking about the economic crisis coming down on them right now, to think about perspectives for the future."

At the other end of the political spectrum, the virulently anti-communist Lyndon Larouche also warns of impending disaster.

Larouche, who claims to have been the target of assassination attempts by such diverse forces as the KGB and the Jewish Defence League, says the Soviet

Union will probably invade Western Europe within two years unless the United States sells Moscow more food.

Running as an Independent Democrat, Larouche predicts global economic collapse and unprecedented famine which he says will probably lead to the demise of constitutional government in the United States by 1992 if drastic measures are not taken.

Former Senator Eugene McCarthy, a hero of the anti-Vietnam war movement who made a strong bid for the Democratic nomination in 1968, is running again this year as the candidate for the Consumer Party, but only in a handful of states.

Then there is the Liberation Party which, with a platform of extreme economic conservatism and social liberalism, claims to be the third-largest US party after winning nearly one million votes of more than 87 million cast in 1980.

#### Capture

Its candidate Ron Paul, a former Republican Congressman, is on the ballot in 47 states. He hopes to capture up to two million votes this year by urging reduced government control over business and the complete decriminalisation of drugs.

"We believe that a person has absolute freedom to do what he wants as long as he or she doesn't hurt others, and take it to the extreme of advocating the legislation of all drugs, including heroin," said Paul's adviser and son, Randall.

The rules governing the election of the president make it very difficult for anyone but the candidates of the two major parties to even get on the ballot in every state.

### Marcos ruled with mixture of styles

NEW YORK. (AP): Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos said they were simple folks, but they lived a glorified lifestyle as they ruled the Philippines with a curious mixture of dictatorship and flexibility.

For most of Marcos' 20 years as president, Filipinos adored the brilliant lawyer and shrewd politician.

The end came in February 1986, when the military helped a "people power" uprising that put President Corazon Aquino in power and forced the Mar-

coses to flee to exile in Hawaii.

On Friday, the US government indicted Marcos, his wife and a Saudi Arabian financier on racketeering charges connected with alleged efforts to take large sums of money from the Philippines and stash it abroad.

In Switzerland, authorities also ordered that records on some Swiss financial transactions made by Marcos and his family can be turned over to the United States in its case against him and his wife.

#### Luxuries

When they fled the country, the Marcoses left a presidential palace filled with luxuries ranging from exquisite to garish. They included flattering paintings such as "Ferdinand and the Brave," Imelda's bulletproof boudoir with gold bathroom fixtures, religious artifacts embedded with precious stones and of course, her famous collection of thousands of shoes.

About those shoes, Mrs Marcos said:

"I was governor of Metro Manila, an area of 1,000 shoemakers... They make millions of pairs of shoes. When I was seen in our native products, I promoted them. If each maker over 20 years sent three new models to show off, it would be 3,000 pairs of shoes. I would need that many shoes like a hole in my head, but... I'd wear each to please them."

The Aquino government has turned the former palace suite into a sort of "museum of greed." One employee's duty is shining all the shoes.

Some Filipinos still rally to Marcos, support, but the numbers are dwindling. Marcos said after more than two years in exile that he recognized Aquino as



Ferdinand Marcos

president and would not try to overthrow her, but she refused to allow him back even for the funeral of his mother, who died last May.

During his tenure, Marcos kept his Pacific archipelago pro-American and in return enjoyed the support of five US presidents. He built nearly 100,000 kms (60,000 miles) of roads and more than 3,300 schools, and made progress in rural electrification, but his country remained poor.

He also dismissed congress, rewrote the constitution, imposed martial law for eight years, jailed tens of thousands of opponents and was accused of widespread human rights abuses.

Marcos rode to power in 1965 on the promise of social reform. He initially was hailed as the standard bearer of a new class of Asian leaders who did not come from the elite of the colonial era, but his 20 years in power were marked by unprecedented graft and corruption.

He entered politics after World War II, during which he says he was a hero. US records show most of his medals were awarded after the war when he was a powerful politician.

In 1954, he married Imelda Romualdez, a 26-year-old beauty queen from a poor branch of a prominent family in the central Philippines family.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

1537 — Britain's Queen Jane Seymour dies following birth of Prince Edward.

1648 — Peace of Westphalia ends thirty years war; European nations recognize independence of the Netherlands.

1795 — Poland is partitioned by Prussia, Austria and Russia.

1860 — China ratifies treaties with Britain and France.

1909 — Russia and Italy sign agreement to preserve status quo in the Balkans.

1922 — Dail adopts constitution for Irish free state.

1929 — Prices collapse on New York Stock Exchange.

1934 — Mahatma Gandhi withdraws from Indian National Congress.

1945 — United Nations Charter goes into effect as Soviet Union becomes 29th nation to ratify it.

1954 — State of emergency is declared in Pakistan.

1961 — Protests are made at United Nations after Soviet Union explodes largest nuclear bomb ever tested.

1962 — US blockades Cuba.

1964 — Northern Rhodesia, renamed Zambia, becomes independent republic.

1967 — Egyptian oil installations in port city of Suez are set ablaze by Israeli artillery fire across Suez Canal.

1975 — Turkey's ambassador to France is fatally shot in Paris by assassins.

1986 — Britain breaks diplomatic relations with Syria after jury convicts Arab man of trying to blow up an Israeli airliner.

1987 — Foreign ministers of Gulf Co-operation Council discuss in Saudi Arabia a unified stand in supporting Kuwait against Iranian attacks.



# First aid: twenty vital life-saving tips

Most of us are horrifyingly ignorant of basic first aid. Today we publish a 20-point cut-out-and-keep guide to basic first aid, useful tips for dealing with minor injuries and vital tips on how to treat more serious casualties before the ambulance arrives. Clip it now and put it in your first aid box, bathroom cabinet or kitchen drawer — it could save a life.

By F. Hardy

## Faint:

Lay casualty down in airy place with legs raised. Loosen clothing at neck, chest and waist to help circulation and breathing. While he regains consciousness, gradually raise him to sitting position. Do not give casualty any alcohol.

## Suspected heart attack:

If casualty is conscious, gently support and place in half-sitting position with his head and shoulders supported and knees bent. DO NOT let him move unnecessarily as this will put extra strain on his heart. Loosen restrictive clothing round neck, chest. Wait. Check breathing rate, pulse, level of responsiveness (are eyes open, is response to questioning normal?) etc at 10 minute intervals. If he becomes unconscious, open airway and check breathing. Carry out resuscitation if needed.

## Strained muscle:

Apply ice bag or cold compress for 30 minutes. Compress injury by surrounding the muscle with a thick layer of cotton wool and securing it with a firm bandage to counteract swelling. Keep the injured limb rested and elevated.

## Minor burns:

Place burned area under slowly running cold water or immerse in cold water for at least 10 minutes. Gently loosen any constricting clothes or jewellery before swelling starts. Dress with clean, non-fluffy material.

## Clothing on fire:

Lie casualty down with burning side up and douse in water or wrap tightly in coat, or heavy fabric. DO NOT roll him along ground as this can burn unhar-

## med areas.

### Nosebleeds:

Sit casualty down with his head well forward. Loosen tight clothing around neck and chest. Advise him to breathe through his mouth and pinch the soft, lower part of his nose. Forbid speech, swallowing, coughing, spitting or sniffing. Allow casualty to dribble. Release pressure after 10 minutes. If bleeding persists or recurs after 30 minutes, seek medical help.

### Electrical burns:

Make sure supply is disconnected before touching patient. Place a clean dressed over burn. Secure with bandage. DO NOT break blisters, remove loose skin or apply lotion, ointment or fat to injury.

### Heat stroke:

Move patient to cool environment. Place in half-sitting position, supporting head and shoulders. Wrap patient in cold, wet sheet and keep it wet. Fan him until his temperature drops to 101 degrees Fahrenheit.

### Hypothermia:

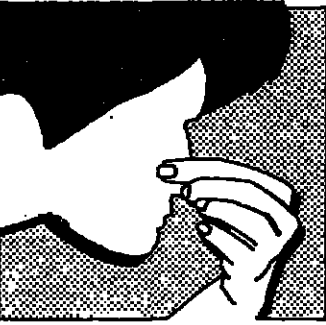
Place casualty in warm bath, or bed with a covered hot-water bottle over her breastbone or in her left armpit. DO NOT place hot water bottles at extremities as this increases blood flow through limbs and may result in dangerous fall in "core temperature". Give hot drinks and high energy food.

### Poisoning:

Quickly ask the casualty what has happened, remembering they may lose consciousness at any time. Do not attempt to induce vomiting. If lips show signs of burning, cool by giving water or milk to sip slowly. Follow resuscitation procedures if necessary. Send any samples of vomit to hospital with casualty.



A sudden accident: would you know what to do?



● Pinch the soft part of the nose carefully to prevent any further bleeding.

## Animal bites:

Control serious bleeding with pressure (see cuts) and keep wound elevated. Cover with sterile dressing and bandage securely.

## Insect stings:

If sting is embedded in skin, grasp with tweezers and remove. DO NOT, squeeze the poison sac because this will force remaining poison into the skin. Apply cold compress, surgical spirit or solution of bicarbonate of soda.

## Severe toothache:

Dab affected tooth (not gum) with oil of cloves. Give

casualty two painkilling tablets. Rinse mouth with hot or cold water, whichever gives greater relief.

## Internal bleeding:

Lie casualty down with head low and to one side to ensure good blood supply to brain. Advise him not to move. If injuries allow, raise his legs to help blood flow to vital organs. Loosen constricting clothing. Check breathing rate, pulse, level of responsiveness every 10 minutes. Record these for the doctor. Keep casualty covered and place a blanket under him. Keep a record of any specimen passed or vomited and if possible, send samples to hospital with him.

## Severe cuts:

If bleeding excessively, take a clean dressing and press with your fingers until bleeding slows. Otherwise carefully remove small foreign bodies with sterile swab. DO NOT attempt to remove debris embedded in the skin. If wound is gaping squeeze the edges together. Place clean dressing over wound, making sure it extends beyond edges. Secure firmly with bandage, tying it firmly enough to control bleeding but not so tight as to impede circulation. Keep injured part elevated and immobile.

## Choking:

Remove debris and/or false teeth from mouth. Encourage casualty to cough. Bend him over with his head lower than his lungs. Slap him smartly between shoulder blades with heel of your hand.

## Foreign bodies in the ear:

Do not attempt to get it out; you could perforate the eardrum. If it is an insect, place towel over casualty's shoulder and gently flood ear with tepid water.

## Foreign bodies in the eye:

Advise casualty not to rub eye. Sit him down in chair facing light and leaning back. Standing behind him, separate lids and ask him to look right, left, up, down. If you can see foreign body, wash it out with a sterile water solution and an eye irrigator, or lift off with a clean, moistened swab.

## Dislocated joint:

Sit casualty down, support injured part on cushions, padding and bandaging if appropriate.

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German Leprosy Relief Organisation assistants are in service worldwide to continue the fight against leprosy. One of them is medical orderly Manfred Gobel, who works for the organisation in the Rondonopolis region in Brazil.

## German success against leprosy

By Karl Zawadzky

WURZBURG. (DAD): The first words in the latest report from the German Leprosy Relief Organisation are: leprosy is definitely curable.

The Organisation hopes that with the introduction and use of new combination drugs it will be possible to have the disease under control worldwide by the year 2000.

But until then there is a great deal of work to be done since there are between eight and ten million people who are still not being given treatment.

Drugs previously available could halt leprosy but they could not cure it. For this reason the German Leprosy Relief Organisation has, since it was founded 30 years ago, concentrated not only on therapy but also on research.

Since last year there has been available a combination drug

which kills leprosy bacteria and which can definitely cure leprosy patients.

Leprosy patients are now being treated with this drug, recommended by the World Health Organisation. It is the only way in the world to master the disease. The isolation of leprosy sufferers, excluding them from family and society, is now definitely a thing of the past.

## Treatment

The new treatment also takes away from leprosy one of its worst characteristics, that is of being the worst mutilator of all diseases to which man is subject.

There will be no more leprosy patients with disfigured faces and deformed limbs if the disease is treated in good time.

Citizens in the Federal Republic donated DM30.8 m to the German Leprosy Relief Organisation last year. With this money 270 projects in 43

countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America were supported. The Organisation also supports such important activities as leprosy research training and further education of assistants helping in the fight against leprosy, and health education.

The Bonn Economic Co-operation Ministry contributes DM1.2 million for the Organisation's projects.

Projects supported by the German Leprosy Relief Organisation were able to discharge 67,600 patients from treatment last year; 39,000 new patients were admitted for treatment, including 8,000 children. The Organisation provided long-term rehabilitation facilities for 85,000 patients.

There are 860 doctors, 2,800 nurses and 2,300 medical orderlies in the various aid projects, available to care for patients. Patients are treated in 7,900 hospitals and out-patient clinics.

## Japanese changing attitudes about cancer

By Mari Yamaguchi

TOKYO. (AP): Cancer claimed almost 200,000 Japanese lives last year. Many died without knowing they had the disease.

Their doctors had not told them the truth.

Traditionally, Japanese doctors have reasoned broadly that many cancer patients will go into depression if told they have the disease. Terminally ill patients, many doctors feel, will die happier if they don't know.

But in recent years, Japanese have become better educated and want to know more about what ails them. They are more willing to question the authority of the prestigious medical profession. And many doctors are thinking about changing their approach to cancer patients.

"I guess about 90 per cent of the doctors still don't tell (patients) directly," Toshio Takahashi, professor of surgery at Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine, said in a recent interview.

In an indication of changing attitudes, Japan's Medical Association recently decided to investigate medical, moral and legal aspects of medical treatment, appointing 10 prominent people from various profes-

sions to talk about "explanation and consent."

The panel includes novelist Ayako Sono, the president of Nikkeiren, the Japan Federation of Employers Association, Eiji Suzuki, philosopher Yujiro Nakamura, and several professors of medicine.

Cancer has been Japan's No. 1 killer disease since 1980, with stomach cancer topping the list. According to population statistics released on Aug 29 by the Health and Welfare Ministry, cancer caused 26.6 per cent of the total number of deaths last year in this nation of nearly 121 million people.

Jinro Itami, cancer specialist at Shibata Hospital in Okayama in southern Japan, is one of the physicians in favour of more directness.

## Issue

To him, the real issue is how to reduce the fear of death and increase fighting spirit to defeat the disease.

Itami founded a programme called meaningful life therapy four years ago to support cancer patients physically and psychologically. Last summer, seven of his patients attempted a morale-building climb of Mount Blanc in Switzerland, with three of them reaching the summit.

"The earlier patients know about their condition, the better off they are," Itami said, adding that withholding information often gives patients unnecessary fear and sorrow and delays a chance of recovery.

But even Itami seldom tells his patients straight out that they have cancer. Unless patients are ready for the worst, informing them directly will only cause depression, he said.

Instead, he guides them to have a voluntary desire to know about their illness and its treatment, which permits him to break the news more diplomatically.

## Agree

He said positive aspects of informing patients of their disease had been seldom discussed in Japan. "It is very important for patients to know about their own lives and their condition," he added.

The public seems to agree, though not overwhelmingly. About 60 per cent want doctors to tell them even if there is no hope of recovery, according to a poll of 5,608 adults a year ago by the Mainichi Shimbun, a Japanese national daily. If the disease is likely to be cured, 78 per cent want to know.

But a separate poll of 500

doctors showed 76 per cent would not tell the patient if the condition is hopeless.

That attitude is condemned by some cancer patients.

"It should be we patients, not doctors, that decide how to live the days left in front of us," said Haruyo Inouye, a 37-year-old freelance writer who had a breast cancer operation in April. "Doctors should tell us, so that we don't have to waste time being scared because of ignorance."

But Takahashi said he seldom experienced positive results from directly telling terminally ill patients the truth.

"I remember some patient became hopeless and just quit eating, some even committed suicide," he said. "For me as a surgeon, it's a pain to inform patients and make them realise how bad they are when the condition is hopeless."

Pediatrician Toshiro Murase, an executive member of the Japan Medical Association's board of trustees, said it's important to respect the patient's right to know, but satisfying that right is sometimes a different story.

"Some patients might be able to end their lives happier without knowing everything," he said.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I have a terrible problem with sweating, and I don't know what to do. I take extra showers, and I constantly use antiperspirants, but nothing seems to work. I've been to a doctor who prescribed a cream that only worked a little. What can I do? I really sweat buckets.

ANSWER: You may need a second opinion from another doctor who knows more about the problem of hyperhidrosis (profuse sweating). It is, at best, a difficult situation to manage. Sometimes this problem is a symptom of another problem. Other times it's not as serious and can be controlled with topical medications.

If you have a case of primary hyperhidrosis, then it may be idiopathic — a problem that is self-contained within the skin. Trials with various medications may control the problem. If, however, you have a secondary case, then further examination will be necessary to see if you have an underlying disease.

In rare cases, profuse sweating can be a symptom of a blood disease, including

## EXCESSIVE PERSPIRATION COULD HAVE UNDERLYING CAUSE

hematologic malignancies. Pituitary problems could also be the culprit. Acromegaly — the abnormal enlargement of the extremities, nose, jaw, hands and feet is due to hypersecretion of the pituitary gland, but it can also lead to severe sweating. Fungal infections within the body may also cause hyperhidrosis, as can over-activity of the thyroid and other endocrine glands.

If you are on medications for other problems, check with your doctor to find out if you may be having a bad reaction to one of them — that could also be causing you to perspire excessively.

QUESTION: We are devastated. The daughter of a close friend has been diagnosed as having a Wilms' tumour. We think this is a fatal disease but do not wish to discuss it with the parents. Can you give us some information?

ANSWER: Wilms' tumour is the single most common cancer of the kidney in children. There are no special symptoms to alert the parents or child, although a common sign is swelling of the abdomen or a lump

that can be felt in this area. Blood appears in the urine of about 25 per cent of children afflicted with the disease, but sometimes the quantity of blood is so little as to go unnoticed.

The disease can cause any one or all of the common symptoms of cancer: weight loss, anemia, fatigue or low-grade fever. It takes a good physical examination to put the doctor on the right track, but usually a battery of special X-ray tests will be necessary before the diagnosis is made.

But there is some really good news for you. Treatment, which may combine radiation therapy with anti-cancer drugs, can achieve a long-term, disease-free status (the equivalent of a cure) in more than eight of 10 young patients, and there are also newly developed surgical procedures that may now be used in children and infants that increase the chances of success. While side effects from these treatments can be expected, the successful outcome makes it worthwhile.

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# The world's most eligible princess comes of age

By Compton Miller

THERE is a plethora of princelings in the world but only five eligible princesses apart from Beatrice — and this summer saw the launch on to the international party circuit of the most eligible of them all.

Princess Zahra is still hardly known outside the exclusive, closely-guarded circle of cronies and family that surround her father, the fabulous wealthy Aga Khan.

But last month he held a ball near Paris to celebrate her 18th birthday which even one of France's most jaded social commentators described as "one of the grandest shindigs of the decade."

Over 800 guests assembled in the family's 18th century chateau, Aiglemont at Chantilly, to dine on caviar and smoked salmon, drink vintage champagne and dance to Lester Lanin's band specially flown in from America.

## Display

The fireworks display alone was estimated to have cost £200,000.

For shy, sun-tanned Zahra this splendid coming-of-age meant her irrevocably swapping her schoolgirl role for that of the international jet-setter, likely to be courted by the world's most aristocratic, royal-blooded, super-rich.

Few noticed her at Epsom Derby this year when in a demure Prince of Wales check skirt and black mess jacket she accompanied her mother, the Begum Aga Khan to the winners enclosure.

The Aga's 11-1 outsider Kahyasi had just brought him his second Derby victory in three years.

For the time being the Princess is back with her exercise books at Le Rosey, the exclusive Swiss school that educated her father, and also the Duke of Kent, Prince Rainier of Monaco and heiress Nabila Khashoggi.

So far she shows no signs of the precocious waywardness displayed at her age by that

other beautiful European princess, Princess Caroline of Monaco, or indeed by her contemporary Jade Jagger whom she physically resembles.

"Zahra is a delightful girl, totally unaffected and unpretentious" her English grandmother Viscountess Camrose says from her Hampshire home.

"She's kind and thoughtful. Long may she stay that way!"

Lady Camrose, 80, formerly married to the Aga's playboy father Prince Aly Khan, hopes that after she sits her baccalaureate exams in Switzerland next summer she may go on to university.

"I don't think that she has made up her mind yet. But she's a very clever girl — bilingual in French and English — and it would be nice if she continued her studies."

The Harvard-educated Aga Khan, 51, as well as being spiritual leader to 16 million Ismaili Muslims around the world is said to be worth some £3 billion.

A leading racehorse owner and breeder with stables in Chantilly, Berkshire, and Ireland, he once owned the legendary Shergar.

A private jet and ocean-going yacht ferry him between his other homes in Paris, Gen-

eva, New York and Sardinia where he built the millionaires' playground at Costa Smeralda.

The Begum, 48, formerly top London model Sally Croker-Poole, insisted on Zahra and her two younger brothers Prince Rahim and Prince Husain having British nannies.

"They've all been brought up in as normal a way as possible," explains her aunt Henrietta, wife of Lloyd's reinsurance broker Anthony Croker Poole.

## Humdrum

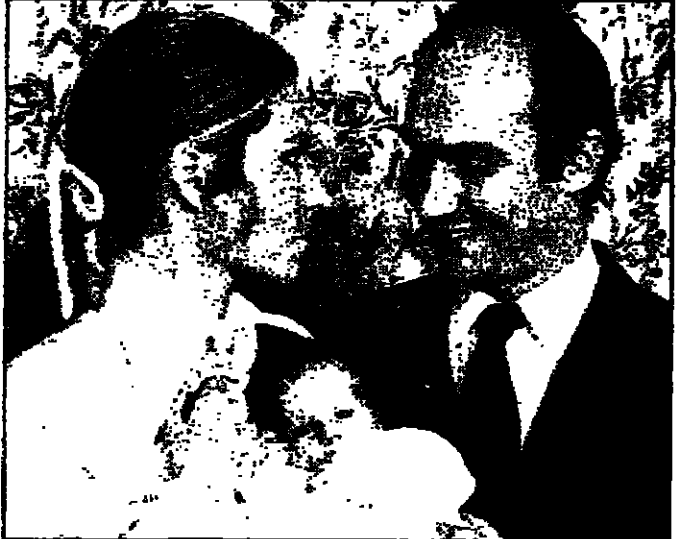
"But of course they don't have one particular place which they can really call home. They fly round the world like we drive up and down the M4!"

Zahra's two cousins live a rather more humdrum life in Battersea: Emma studying for her A-levels and Rupert heaving beer barrels as a barman at London's Riverside Studios.

"We lead rather separate lives now — we used to see Zahra and the others a lot during school holidays. She's a very pretty girl, always very tanned with long brown hair. She's a terrific skier and swimmer because she has been doing both all her life."

"She's really a normal teenager like everyone else."

Normal, one supposes in the sense that Princess Diana and



Proud parents: the Aga Khans with baby Zahra. The Begum Aga Khan was formerly a top London model.



Princess Zahra, 18-year-old daughter of Prince Karim, the Aga Khan.

the Duchess of York are normal — able to indulge their every whim.

The Princess — a frequent visitor with her parents to London has grown used to never travelling without bodyguards.

Even when going to discos with friends the Aga insists on protection in case any of his children are kidnapped and held to ransom.

"It's a most incredible life they lead. I've never seen such luxury," says budding London property developer John Morant, 21, who attended the 18th birthday celebrations.

"The Aga Khan put us all up at hotels in and around Chantilly. A fleet of Mercedes arrived to take us to the dance."

"You should have seen the incredible security and the special decorations in the marquee. The buffet dinner and the music were incredible."

"The party continued until seven in the morning and then we were all invited back for lunch."

Whether this life of hedonism and extravagance will turn Zahra's head remains to be seen.

But we can take heart from Lady Camrose's words: "She behaves very well towards her grandmother."

Norman Wisdom at 67 — as engaging as ever

# Little big man still getting the laughs

By John Deighton

WHATEVER happened to Britain's most famous comedian Norman Wisdom?

It is a startling phenomenon, but the star who hasn't made a film for 20 years is suddenly a cult figure — in his own lifetime.

Every young impressionist making a name on television includes him in his repertoire as a must.

All of which has turned knockabout clown Norman Wisdom, at the age of 67, into one of the hottest stage properties in the market.

School kids — who have only seen Wisdom in TV repeats of movies made in the golden years between 1952 and 1968, and occasional guest spots more recently — just have to adopt a strutting walk and call wildly "Mr Grimsdale!" to get the laughs.

The man himself, all 5ft 4-3/4in of him, cried with emotion when two packed houses at Stevenage, Herts, recently gave him standing ovations.

He is vastly flattered to be billed as the Legendary Norman Wisdom.

Norman, 43 years in showbiz and a star for more than 30 years in his ill-fitting "gump" suit and turned-up peak cap, is capturing a new generation who never saw him in his heyday when he was Britain's biggest box-office attraction.

That was after *Trouble in Store* made him an overnight screen star. Another movie, *The Bulldog Breed*, "completely duffed up James Bond" at the box office, as Norman recalls proudly.

He has just finished a triumphant nationwide theatre tour — from Brighton to Blackpool, Weymouth to Wolverhampton, Sutton to Southport — with a gaggle of pretty girls all sharing a coach just like an old-time touring music hall troupe.

Next year he will star in his own play, called *He Who Laughs Last*, which will be completely silent.

Why has Norman remained such an enduring favourite? He says: "The secret is that

A star for more than 30 years in his ill-fitting 'gump' suit and turned-up peak cap, Norman Wisdom is capturing a new generation who never saw him in his heydays when he was Britain's biggest box-office attraction.



Norman Wisdom: I'm just a shortie who likes to be normal and natural, have chums and enjoy life.

my comedy is for children, from about the age of three to 93.

"And it's all clean comedy, no snut or innuendo. And they've kept me young because my films are screened so often."

Norman's 16 films grossed many millions. And his Mr Pipkin, or Pitkin as they call him in Russia, is known worldwide.

He says: "I have only to walk out in the streets in Tehran for people to call out to me. It's the same in Australia, Kuala Lumpur, New Zealand or Hong Kong."

"I'm very flattered to be considered a cult figure, and by all these young impressionists taking me off. Freddie Starr's brilliant, so is Gary Wilmot."

Perhaps some impressionists go over the top when they wave their arms about and shout a bit too shrilly. But maybe not."

His on-stage pathos comes straight from the heart. Life was tough for the young Norman Wisdom.

"But however hard those times were I look back with affection. I don't think I could have become the success I have without having lived through it."

When Norman and his brother Fred were still children their mother left home. They were often alone for weeks when their chauffeur father went away on jobs.

Recalls Norman: "We had to fend for ourselves. Often we were starving and had to go out and steal fruit and bread."

His gump suit was born during a summer season at Scarborough. Magician David Nixon wanted Norman to interrupt his act to fill in time.

So Norman went out and bought an ill-fitting grey suit from a second-hand junk shop, and an old cap. He went down a woad and the downtrodden dogooder was born.

Over the years Norman has had 32 suits, now made by a firm in Wolverhampton because his Bond Street tailors couldn't help making them well-fitting.

Today, a millionaire many times over, he keeps the original gump suit and cap in his home on the Isle of Man.

He also has a posh flat at Epsom, Surrey.

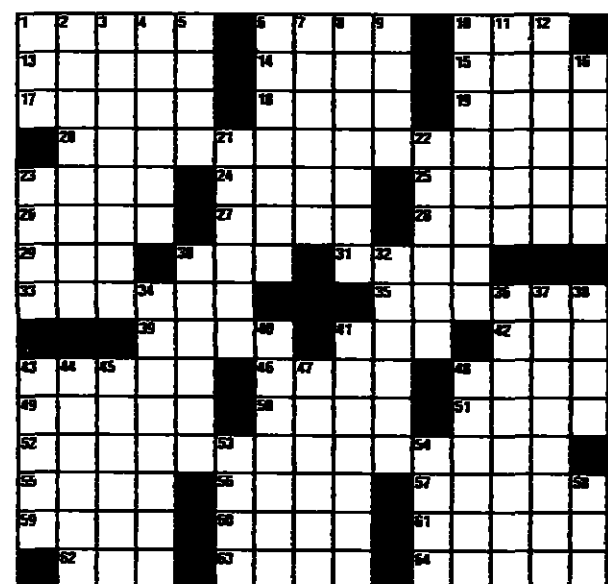
Divorced from his wife Freda after 22 years, he says he doesn't think he will marry again.

Once he had an inferiority complex about his height: "I wouldn't say I was always a totally confident bloke with women because of that."

"Years ago I even tied my feet to the ends of the bed to try and make myself taller. Now I wouldn't be an inch taller, because I think pathos comes from being a little man."

"I'm really just a shortie who likes to be normal and natural and have chums and enjoy life."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Behave rudely
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  - Italian actress: 1858-1924
  - "Window"
  - 1954 film
  - Pat or Daniel
  - Exploiter
  - Bergman's "Casablanca" role
  - "Green" — of TV
  - Deface
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  - Playbill listing
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## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ 72 ♠ AKJ6 ♦ 9872 ♣ Q105  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Dbl ?  
What action do you take?

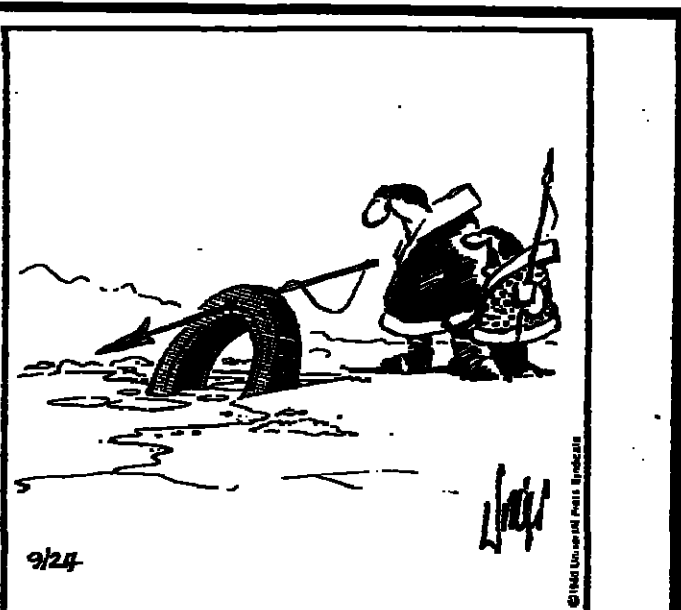
Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ Q1092 ♥ 73 ♦ AQJ103 ♣ AS  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ Q1092 ♥ 73 ♦ AQJ103 ♣ AS  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ AKK3 ♥ J952 ♦ AS9 ♣ J4  
Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ AJ1043 ♥ 952 ♦ 72 ♣ AS  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ Q1052 ♥ 763 ♦ 9842 ♣ K3  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
2 ♠ 2 ♠ ?  
What action do you take?

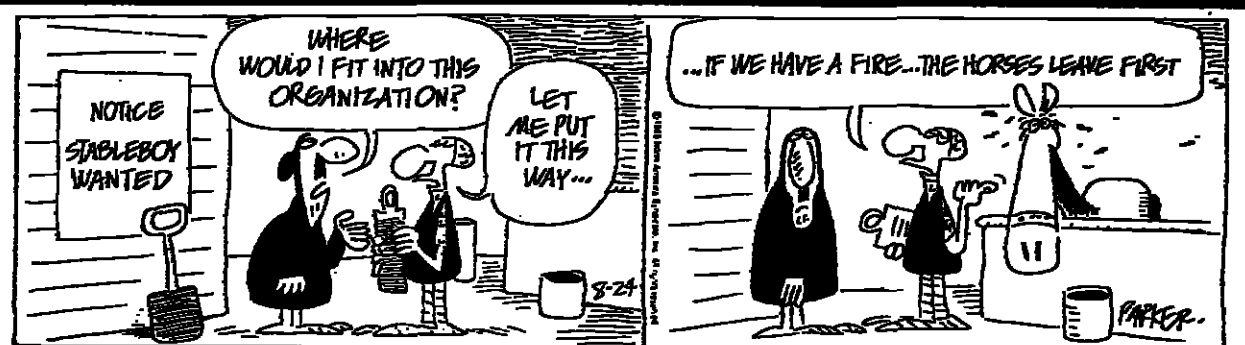


"Whaddyer think it is?"



## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to reach an important decision. Now is the right time to take the initiative. You should avoid eating too much of something you fancy. Be tactful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will tend to be rather more argumentative. You should avoid doing anything you are not quite sure about. You will be on better terms with your colleagues at work. Be more flexible.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Mars' less favourable influence will tend to render you rather more irritable. An old problem you thought was solved will reappear in another guise. You will be able to have a profitable discussion. Be attentive.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The Moon's influence will tend to increase your vulnerability. You will however be aided by Mars' influence in detecting a deception. You should not leave things for another day. Be tolerant.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. Make sure you get enough of the right sort of food. Do not place excessive reliance on your powers of persuasion. Be prompt.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Your patience will be tried but you should not allow it to become exhausted. A tendency to give up too soon will have to be resisted. You will have to make a few concessions but you will gain in the end. Be resolute.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

If you try to do things in too great a hurry you will not be able to do them well. You should not expect too much too soon. A big expense in one direction will have to be compensated for by savings in another. Be resourceful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will have many demands on your time and should make a plan of action. You will have something to be really pleased about. Avoid dwelling on the past and do not harbour regrets. Be sensible.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be able to do well even if the situation is rather complex. You should do all you can to meet a promise you have made. Do not allow yourself to be sidetracked. Be frugal.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will tend to be rather more pessimistic than the occasion warrants. Although you will have some good luck it will not be enough to get you out of trouble. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be loyal.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

The Moon's influence will help you to come to the right conclusion. You should avoid leaving things until the very last minute. Make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. Be discreet.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You have no time to lose nor must you dissipate your energies. You should make sure you do not make a nuisance of yourself. You must beware of getting things out of proportion. Be cordial.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Bahrain to modernise its refinery on Arabian peninsula

BAHRAIN, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Bahrain is to modernise its refinery, the oldest on the Arabian peninsula.

The 52-year-old complex built following the first discovery of oil on the Arabian side of the Gulf in 1932 is to undergo a \$640 million refit, industry sources said.

Work on the Bahrain petroleum company refinery will take three years and improve efficiency and enhance profitability, the sources said.

They said the government would invite tenders for the design of a modern distillation plant at the 250,000-barrels-per-day refinery early in November.

**Construction**  
Tenders for its construction should be submitted in June 1989 and the work is expected to be completed 20 months later, the sources said.

This first stage in the modernisation of the refinery is expected to cost \$140 million.

The refinery is owned 60 per cent by Bahrain and 40 per cent by the US oil company Caltex.

US engineering giant Bechtel is hoping to win the contract.

Bechtel representatives visiting the island plan to present a complete feasibility study to the Bahrain government this week, the sources said.

**Plan**  
The second stage of the plan will involve the installation of a \$500-million hydrocracker plant to improve yields of high-value products such as gasoline, naphtha and kerosene.

The hydrocracker will probably be combined with a coker to make anodes used in aluminium plants for the first time in Bahrain, the sources added.

Tenders for this project will be invited by mid-1989, construction should start in March 1990 and be completed by the end of 1991, they said.

They said details of financing had not been finalised but several commercial banks had expressed interest.

## Optimism stems from two huge deals

# Takeover boom rejuvenates Wall Street

NEW YORK, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Wall Street, refreshed by its biggest one-week wave of takeovers ever, is taking a more buoyant view of its future because of the vote of confidence that the corporate buying spree represents.

The optimism stems from two huge deals last week.

One was a proposed \$17 billion buyout of food and tobacco group RJR Nabisco Inc. by managers of the company. The other was cigarette king Philip Morris's offer to buy Kraft Inc., the foods company, for \$11 billion.

In both cases, huge premiums over stock market value were proposed to buy out the companies.

But while the takeover craze may spur stocks to higher levels, analysts say it is not likely to have the same prolonged impact that the last big merger wave in 1985 had in spurring a "bull" market to the all-time highs that preceded the "Black Monday" crash a year ago.

### Deals

That wave included blockbuster buyouts of Nabisco Brands Inc. and General Foods Corp. by R.H. Macy, and RCA Corp. It began an unprecedented period of mergers capped by the record 1986 year, when \$206 billion worth of deals took place.

Mergers this year have run ahead of last year's pace, owing

to cheap post-crash stock prices and huge pools of buyout funds. But until last week, they were running behind the 1986 record.

That could change if the big deals of last week inspire copycats. And stocks in general could be lifted higher.

For now, there are few who do not expect the stock market to add at least another 100 points to the Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 50 points last week and closed at a post-crash high of 2,182.79 on Friday.

But some analysts say the rally will be short.

Strategist Steve Einhorn of Goldman, Sachs and Co. looks for "slow erosion in share prices" after the current wave subsides.

"Higher interest rates, a somewhat lower dollar and less co-operation between the US and its trading partners after the (November 8 presidential) election will counteract the frenetic merger and buyout activity the market is currently enjoying."

### Highs

Chief investment officer Stephen Poling of Minnesota-based Ameriv Advisors, has a rosier scenario. He said: "The takeover phenomenon will continue for a while and history would indicate that it brings the rest of the market along with it."

People who described post-crash highs earlier this year as a "rally in a bear market" are now

on the defensive.

"People are looking at companies in a different light. They're no longer just looking at earnings, they're looking at assets," said Larry Wachel of Prudential Bache Securities.

Because of the merger wave, traders are examining a broad range of stocks seeking unrecognized value. But analysts say mergers of the past few years have eliminated some prospects.

They also said the firms involved in mergers this week may be in unique circumstances, noting that the bids affected tobacco and food companies. If merger mania spread to non-food companies, it might be viewed as more meaningful.

## World Business Summary

# Lamar Hunt to settle silver suit for \$17m

NEW YORK, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Lamar Hunt, one of the three Hunt brothers found liable by a jury for trying to corner the world silver market in 1979-80, has agreed to pay \$17 million to settle his part of the suit, a lawyer said yesterday. Minpeco Sa, Peru's state-owned mineral marketing firm, had sued Lamar and his brothers Nelson Bunker Hunt and W. Herbert Hunt, claiming their silver buying caused it to lose millions of dollars because it had shorted silver. In August, a New York federal jury ordered the Hunts and other defendants in the case to pay Minpeco \$132 million in damages. A spokesman for the Hunts said Lamar felt it was premature to discuss the settlement and would not comment. The three brothers previously said they would appeal the verdict. Mark Cymrot, a Washington lawyer who represents Minpeco, told Reuters that Lamar Hunt had agreed to the \$17 million payment and a hearing has been scheduled for Thursday in New York for the court to review the agreement. Court approval is required before the settlement can be finalized. He would not comment on whether Minpeco is currently negotiating with the other Hunt brothers.

## Gulf storms reduce US oil output

NEW YORK, Oct. 23, (AP): Storms in the Gulf of Mexico last month forced US oil production to its lowest level in more than a decade, the American Petroleum Institute reported yesterday. September's oil production was estimated at 7.94 million barrels a day, a reduction of some 267,000 barrels a day from a year ago. It was the first time in more than 10 years that domestic oil production fell below 8 million barrels, the trade group said. More than 100,000 barrels a day of the loss was attributed to two hurricanes, one that passed across Gulf of Mexico oil fields and another that threatened the same area before hitting northern Mexico. Both forced the shutdown of several refineries and production platforms.

## Britain lauds Kuwait's wise policy

# UK seeks to boost Arab investments

KUWAIT, Oct. 23, (AP): British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs William Waldegrave said he is touring the Gulf to assure leaders that Britain will welcome Arab investments despite forcing Kuwait to slash its stake in British Petroleum, according to a local daily.

"We hope that the BP case will remain a casual incident that will not affect our relations with Kuwait. I am going to stress this point to officials in Gulf states I am visiting as well as our keenness on encouraging Arab investments in Britain," Waldegrave was quoted as saying by the Kuwaiti paper.

"We highly appreciate the wise policy of the Kuwaiti government particularly on the BP stake. They expressed their disappointment and anger but at the same time they pointed out that the issue should not form a bloc in the path of positive relationships between Kuwait and Britain," he said.

"The Kuwaitis should know that they have many friends in Britain who do appreciate the importance of their investments to the British economy," he added.

Britain's request that Kuwait

reduce its holding in BP from 21.69 per cent to 9.9 per cent over the next year after an ad hoc committee ruled that the investments might "operate against the public interest."

The move had caused a furore in Gulf financial circles but the Kuwaiti government publicly expressed "extreme regret and astonishment" and said it had taken steps to protect its investments abroad.

Waldegrave, now in Saudi Arabia on a tour that includes Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, said that his current tour was also aimed at "appraising the situation in the Gulf after the cessation of the Iraq-Iran war and how to re-establish durable peace in the region."

### Talks

Also visiting the Gulf was Britain's first sea lord, Admiral Sir William Staveley, who held talks in Muscat today with senior Navy officers of the Omani Defence Ministry, naval sources in the submarine said.

Adm. Staveley, who had an audience with Sultan Qaboos on Saturday, is in the region to visit Britain's Armilla Patrol, diplomatic sources said.

He was scheduled to fly out to

board one of the patrol vessels in the Gulf later today, said the sources who spoke on condition they not be named.

The Armilla Patrol, like naval contingents from the United States and other Western powers, patrols the waters of the oil-rich region and provide min-

esweepers to check for explosives from the spillovers of the Iraq-Iran war on the rest of the region.

The role of the contingents are under review in light of the ceasefire that went into effect Aug 20 between the two northern Gulf belligerents after eight years of war.

## Plan to set up phosphate plant

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 23, (KUNA): A triple phosphate plant is expected to be set up in the public sector in Pakistan with the collaboration of Jordan, it was reported today.

Radio Pakistan said that the state-owned National Fertilizer Corporation was negotiating the joint venture with a phosphate mining firm of Jordan.

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## Renewed optimism gathers momentum in the Arab world

A WAVE of renewed optimism is gathering momentum in the Arab world. This is due to the removal of several major obstacles to joint Arab action in the political and economic spheres. They include the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war, the reconciliation between countries in the Arab Maghreb, the Arab solidarity in thought and deed with the people of Sudan in their plight, and the escalation of the Palestinian uprising against the Zionist occupation forces, according to an editorial in the monthly bulletin of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

These developments place an additional responsibility on Arab authorities and raise the minimal level of expectations about the future, the editorial said.

OAPEC, for its part, continues to strive to maximize joint Arab action in the areas of oil and energy. Some of its efforts are directed at implementing resolutions of the Arab Energy Conference, which include laying oil and gas pipelines to link countries in the east and in the west of the Arab world, reaching

agreements on the joint exploitation of petroleum deposits in contiguous countries, expanding electric power potential, and interconnecting the electricity grids of Arab countries, the editorial said.

### Co-operation

The continuation of the Iraq-Iran war severely hindered co-operation and co-ordination between exporters and prevented agreement on a course of action that would ensure a profitable level of prices. Since implementation of the ceasefire, pessimism about continuation of the war has been replaced by optimism about the possibility of achieving peace, according to the editorial.

The fertility of continued fighting has become evident and the ineffectiveness of war as a means of solving disputes has been proven once again.

Moreover, heavy material and human losses suffered by Iran have undermined its ability to continue the war, the editorial said.

"We at OAPEC attribute the currently low level of oil prices to transient elements rather than any structural factors," it said.

The interests of the exporting

countries lie in restoring a united stand on production and prices and in defending any agreement on prices.

"We sincerely hope that such an agreement will be reached soon," the editorial said. It is now clear that a further drop in prices to, say, below \$10 a barrel would cut revenues without providing any significant new marketing opportunities. The combined loss of revenue and depletion of oil reserves would be extremely harmful to our countries, OAPEC commented.

### Hope

"In the current climate of optimism we also hope that more oil revenues will be channelled into construction and economic recovery."

"This would boost the productivity of all economic sectors, which hold the key to reducing our overdependence on oil," the editorial said.

"This in turn would provide the flexibility needed to solve the problems facing the oil industry without the incumbrance of competing with other producers to increase the volume of exports."

## Trade figures still improving

# Ozal battered by financial turmoil

ISTANBUL, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's reputation as an economic wizard has been battered by record inflation, crippling interest rates and turmoil in financial markets.

The basics of Ozal's turnaround of the Turkish economy in five years in power are not yet in doubt, with foreign debt payments under control and trade figures still improving. But since he vowed to take back the helm of the Turkish economy in September, even Ozal's supporters are wondering if he has lost his touch.

Columnist Osman Ulagay reflected some of the uncertainty that has gripped Turkish decision-makers.

### Mood

"Tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, what mood will the prime minister wake up to? How will his new decisions, decrees affect the calculations of banks and companies?" he wrote in the left-wing Cumhuriyet newspaper.

The uncertainty has been fed by contradictory measures. One

day he raised taxes on basic foodstuffs, then lowered them next day. One week he freed interest rates, then capped them the next.

Central Bank Governor Ruzdu Saracoglu, an Ozal protégé, went on the record the day after Ozal freed interest rates to say it was a mistaken, political decision.

### Payments

At least one major bank was forced to halt payments to depositors for a short time as people crowded in branches to take their money elsewhere for a better interest rate.

"It was chaos and I still don't think anyone knows what's going on," said a senior foreign banker.

When some banks started offering up to 90 per cent interest on key one-year deposits, the Central Bank stepped in to impose a limit of 85 per cent. The drama came at a time of turmoil in Turkish financial markets — largely a result of Ozal's inflationary government spending since 1986.

The budget deficit is now expected to top four billion lira

(\$2.4 million) by the end of 1988, double its target. Bankers say new resolve will be needed to a draft austerity budget for 1989.

The interest rate hike came after a run of the Turkish lira that accelerated on news inflation hit 81.8 per cent at the end of September, its highest level since 1980.

### Rates

The higher interest rates also dealt another blow to the Istanbul Stock Exchange, reformed in late 1985 to help privatise Turkey's many state enterprises.

The market fell 20 per cent in the first three weeks of October, with the index hitting its lowest point since last May. Shares in Teletas, the first company to be privatised in Turkey, sold for half their March issue price.

In industry, businessmen say investment will be paralysed by loans costing more than 140 per cent — if the banks lend.

"We do not want to give loans to anyone in 1989," Ibrahim Betil, general manager of Garanti Bankasi, told reporters, saying he had to concentrate on maintaining the status quo.





## Nabi hails new spirit of compromise

## Iran proposes new formula to end OPEC quota deadlock

MADRID, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Iran produced a surprise formula at the weekend to end a dispute with Iraq over oil output quotas which may help reunite a divided OPEC, leading to a new organisation accord to curb excess production and raise petroleum prices.

Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi today hailed a new spirit of compromise which he said was shown by Iran and Iraq in three days of talks among ministers of eight of the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"They talked face to face. That is the principal result of the Madrid meeting," he said.

The organisation held further meetings in November to try to set new output quotas to erase the present glut, with differences between erstwhile Gulf war foes Iran and Iraq seen by most analysts as the chief source of disarray.

## Progress

Petroleum prices may fall from already depressed levels if a sceptical market decides that not enough progress was made in the preliminary Madrid talks.

"Traders will be impatient," said Mehdi Vaziri, analyst at brokers Kleinwort Benson

Securities in London. "I suspect the oil price may go down, but if you sit back and think, there is definitely a narrowing of positions between Iran and Iraq."

Iran's Minister, Gholamreza Aqazadeh, told reporters he had proposed to the joint session here of OPEC's pricing and strategy committees that Iran and Iraq each be given the same ceiling on their oil exports.

## Compromise

That appeared to be a compromise to end a two-year-old dispute between them.

Iraq, boosted by victories before last August's Gulf ceasefire, has demanded that OPEC allow it to produce as much oil as Iran, historically a bigger producer.

Iran's refusal to agree to this prompted Iraq to boycott OPEC output-sharing agreements altogether.

With Iraq flouting the rules, others felt few inhibitions about producing more than their quotas, resulting in a glut on the market which threatens a crash like one in 1986 when prices plunged below \$10 per barrel.

They are now around \$13, still well below an OPEC target of 18.

Aqazadeh's proposal breaks new ground by suggesting parity

for exports only, excluding production for domestic consumption.

"The proposal put on the table by us was ... to exclude domestic consumption from the quota," he said.

The ministers from Algeria, Indonesia, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela as well as Iran and Iraq, now have just under four weeks for behind-the-scenes negotiations before another joint committee session in Vienna on November 17.

## Deal

They hope to come up with the basis of a deal to put to a full conference of all 13 OPEC nations due four days later.

The stage seems set to shift to the Middle East, chiefly to Tehran, Baghdad and Riyadh, with analysts not sure that Iran's proposal will be acceptable to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The scheme attempts to sidestep the so-called "parity issue" by agreeing equal export quotas, but adopting different limits for domestic consumption.

But there is still plenty of scope for disagreement since Iran's economy uses a huge one million barrels of oil a day, while Iraq's domestic consumption is nearer 300,000.

Other commodity agreements, on coffee and cocoa, for instance, limit exports rather than total production. OPEC accords have dealt only with production.

Oil markets will now watch closely attitudes at Gulf war peace talks due to resume on October 31.

Prices seersawed during the Madrid talks, with the New York market slipping on Friday as traders sold on the apparent lack of breakthrough. Middle East crude is now about \$6 below OPEC's \$18-a-barrel reference level.

OPEC secretary-general Subroto of Indonesia said he has detected "concrete and important progress" at the Madrid talks.

And Saudi Arabia appears, temporarily at least, to have lifted a threat that it would flood the market if OPEC did not reconcile differences — all producers pledged not to step up volume in the run-up to the next meetings, effectively capping OPEC output at about 21 million barrels a day.

But that is still well above Subroto's estimate of demand for organisation oil of 18.9 million in the final quarter of 1988.

## World's largest cocoa producer could squeeze supplies

ABIDJAN, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Ivory Coast, the world's largest cocoa producer, plans to store the commodity in 1988/89 if prices remain low, a policy which trade sources believe could lead to a shortage for chocolate manufacturers in coming months.

"Ivory Coast holds the key to the market. If exports are withheld there could be some supply problems at a time when demand is picking up ... it can hold about 300,000 tonnes in storage in varying conditions," one trade source said.

The West African nation, burdened by foreign debt and falling export earnings, produces more than 25 per cent of the world's cocoa. Chocolate manufacturers prefer Ivorian beans to other more readily-available grades for quality reasons.

## Supplies

Good quality cocoa supplies have been tight for months. This shortage, combined with uncertainty over Ivorian supplies, has revived the world market, which last month fell to its lowest levels in about 13 years. London futures have risen from about £750 (\$1,300) a tonne to about £800 (\$1,400).

Ivorian Agriculture Minister Denis Bra Kannon told a meeting of local government leaders at the weekend that Ivory Coast would stock cocoa to take advantage of any rise in world market levels.

## EEC backs giant subsidies for Italy steel firm

BRUSSELS, Oct. 23, (Reuters): The European Economic Community (EEC) executive yesterday backed Italy's plans to give 7,670 billion lire (\$5.69 billion) in subsidies to its loss-making steel company Finisider.

The European commission said it would recommend to EEC ministers the approval of a restructuring plan for Finisider, which involves the closure or sale of unprofitable plants and the launch of a new company under a new name.

But an EEC official said other steel-producing EEC member states had already voiced strong objections to the plan, arguing it did not entail sufficient capacity cuts.

## Capacity

Finisider plans to reduce capacity by 3.4 million tonnes in the crude steel sector and by 1.2 million tonnes in finished products. Further cuts could ensue if the plants put on sale to the private sector fail to attract acceptable offers.

Commission approval of the plan is also conditional on a quicker restructuring than Rome has proposed, with Italy selling or closing all non-iron units in 1989 rather than 1990.

"On some points, we have been tough on the Italians," the official said.

## Life is not easy as an East bloc entrepreneur, says Hungarian

SOPRON, Hungary, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Life as a budding entrepreneur in Eastern Europe isn't easy, even in Hungary where the leadership is pushing ahead with economic reforms it admits smack of capitalism.

Ferenc Morvai, one of Hungary's new breed of small businessmen, praises Communist Party leader Karoly Grosz for legislating to stimulate private enterprise.

But, while the reformers have taken firm control at the top, Morvai says dogmatic Marxists linger in the middle levels of the country's bureaucracy and are doing their best to stunt the rapid growth of his fledgling boiler-making business.

"In the leadership of our country there are still the same orthodox Marxists as before," Morvai told Reuters during a recent conference on reforming the communist trading bloc Comecon.

## Elements

"As I take on so-called capitalist elements into my business I may not have to expect serious persecution. But the orthodox communists and Marxists are seeing their power decline and they're trying to give me a good kick with their last power."

Hungary launched fundamental reforms 20 years ago, long before the rest of the Eastern bloc. New laws let small-scale private enterprise blossom, mainly to fill a gap in goods and services that state and co-operative businesses did not supply.

But the pace of social, political and economic change has accelerated rapidly since Grosz took over as party chief last May amid a wholesale purge of Poli-

buro conservatives. Earlier this month, parliament passed a new company law allowing such radical phenomena as joint stock (limited liability) companies, full foreign ownership of Hungarian firms and the right of ordinary people to trade shares.

"After the strict regulation of the past 40 years, can we be surprised if people, primarily of the older generation, see joint stock companies and new company forms as capitalist?" Justice Minister Kalman Kulcsar asked.

Reform has allowed Morvai, a flamboyant businessman who wears a large badge with his firm's red, white and blue logo stitched to his lapel, to build up his enterprise in the town of Nagyvred, 80 km (50 miles) from Budapest.

## Designs

Selling boilers and boiler designs to countries including the United States, China, Indonesia and Malaysia, Morvai forecast he would earn \$200,000 in scarce hard currency this year and \$3 million in 1989.

A key aim of the reforms is to earn hard currency from exports to help pay off Hungary's \$10 billion Western net debt, the highest per capita in Eastern Europe.

But Morvai said middle level officials had set out to block his business with a series of law suits including accusations of speculation and excessive prices. So far all had failed due to lack of evidence but they had taken their toll — he has suffered three heart attacks in the past 10 years.

"The present situation is so tragic that I'm already considering closing down my factory ... it's the same all over Hungary."

Ernoe Rubik went through the same sufferings.

Reflecting complaints from Soviet leaders in pushing through their own perestroika (restructuring), Morvai said: "The bureaucrats are big obstacles to the implementation of the reform process ... it's a question of whether we can eliminate these people at the different levels of economic decision-making."

He admits that he illegally employs 40 people. Present legislation limits private businesses to 15 workers but this figure will rise to 500 when the new law comes into force at the start of next year.

## Legislation

But Morvai believes the new legislation is still not enough. "The company law legalises my business but does not give me the special help I've been waiting so long for ... it doesn't give me the opportunity to expand my export business."

In tones similar to Western businessmen under Europe's socialist governments of the 1960s and 70s, Morvai complains of punitive taxation and the fact that he is allowed to keep only 10 per cent of his hard currency earnings. The rest is paid to him in Hungarian forints.

Morvai is impatient for reform. Speaking at the conference in the Western town of Sopron which was organised by the respected Institute of World Economy, he clashed with Soviet economists who advocated cautious change.

"I don't see how it's possible to go through the same gradual changes which used to be the practice here in the past decades. I would like to see rapid changes now."

## Despite chaos 'economy still operates'

## Yugoslavia's crisis worries bankers

LONDON, Oct. 23, (Reuters): Yugoslavia's debts worth around \$20 billion mean the turmoil there worries Western bankers but no alarm bells are ringing yet and some even think that political change may force the pace of economic reform.

"We view the situation pessimistically but without panic," said a West German banker just back from Yugoslavia where unpopular economic austerity measures and 200 per cent inflation coincide with renewed tension between the nationalities which comprise the Balkan communist country.

Other bankers who were polled by Reuters for an assessment of how creditors see the situation sounded more upbeat.

## Positive

"Yugoslavia may be going through some tough times now. But if it becomes more market-oriented then that is very positive for the banks," said Fulvio Dobrich of manufacturers Hanover Corp in the United States.

Dobrich, who chairs an advisory committee of Yugoslavia's bank creditors, said that signs so far pointed to changes that would make the economy more responsive to market forces.

US banks hold about one-third of total short and medium term Yugoslav bank debt worth \$7 billion. Banks in West Ger-

many and Italy are otherwise most heavily exposed.

Yugoslavia also owes money to the International Monetary Fund, which insists on economic reform, and to Western governments and the Soviet bloc.

Dobrich said it was ironic that it had been hit by internal unrest just as its external account was improving. "Exports have risen 17 per cent," he said.

## Exports

A British banker also noted that Yugoslav exports in the first half of 1988 were at a record. "In spite of the economic chaos, the economy still operates," he said.

Yugoslavia won rescheduling on \$6 billion of bank and \$950 million of government debt this summer, plus 300 million new money from the banks. It also got a one-year standby IMF credit of \$430 million and a World Bank loan of more than 300 million to help it repay its debts.

"The package provides them with a large degree of relief," said the British banker. "There are no repayment requirements for six years of the rescheduled debt."

Key questions now are whether it will need more help soon and whether banks, governments and the IMF would respond. Bankers appear to feel that coherent political leadership and

the will to persist with economic reform are crucial.

Dobrich said that if current reforms were kept in place, the new package should suffice for 1989 and immediately beyond.

"There will definitely not be a need for bank money next year," he said.

But British bankers said that, if the market lost confidence in Yugoslavia's ability to solve current difficulties, the country could experience a liquidity crisis as \$3 billion of its debt is in short-term credit lines.

An official at a major Frankfurt bank said the banking community was supporting Yugoslavia but uncertainty would make further rescheduling more difficult.

Another said: "Yugoslavia's economic problems will increase tremendously if the political difficulties are not solved."

An official at one leading French bank saw no pressing need for new loans.

But another said Yugoslavia seemed close to default last summer with no warning, "so one never knows with them."

There was no apparent alarm signal now, but the IMF economic programme was not accepted by the population and there was serious disorder. It was probable new loans would be needed.

A senior Austrian banker said Yugoslavia was bound to seek further help sooner or later from the IMF or banks regardless of the nationalities problem. "There's no way they can make ends meet without help ...," he said.

## Theory

The IMF could in theory stop helping Yugoslavia because it had failed to meet targets laid down by the fund, such as inflation reduced to 95 per cent. But Western governments would not want to see Yugoslavia slide into total chaos.

"Personally, I'm more worried about the political implications than about a few debts getting paid back," the Austrian banker said. "We're talking about a country that could go galloping into a civil war."

Hermine Vidovic of the Vienna Institute for Comparative Economic Studies, which monitors East European economies, said the IMF attitude was crucial.

Vidovic also said economic problems were linked with the nationalities question. "These conflicts are tangled up with each other. Without a doubt not just nationalists are taking to the streets but also people who feel underprivileged. Their incomes are so low they can scarcely survive."

## Chrysler's Eagle cars still wing-clipped one year later

DETROIT, Oct. 23, (UPI): More than a year after rising from the ashes of American Motors, Chrysler's Jeep-Eagle Division is still trying to spread its wings, as the ads say, to get its car sales off the ground.

The Jeep half of the brand is not the problem, since Jeep sales have always done well, especially now after being revitalised by Chrysler. The challenge has been to get buyers to recognise the Eagle side of the franchise, which now has three fledgling cars in its nest.

"Our biggest job is awareness and consideration of the brand because people don't know what Eagle is about or they don't understand it enough," said Ralph Sarotte, Eagle's general marketing manager.

Despite \$1,000 buyer rebates and Chrysler's longer warranty, those problems have been reflected in the slow sales of Eagle's first two cars, the Premier and Medallion. Both are Renault designs born under the AMC emblem but rebadged following Chrysler's takeover last year.

## Sales

Sales of the Premier, Eagle's flagship sedan, were only 29,686 for the first nine months of 1988 — far below initial sales forecasts of 75,000. Unsold inventories as of Sept 30 stood at 105 days — nearly twice the normal industry rate.

Under an agreement with Renault, Chrysler must sell 300,000 Premiers over a five-year period or pay hefty penalties, which may make it cheaper for Chrysler to spur sales with incentives.

"With 17 competitors, the market is a lot tougher than we expected," Sarotte said of the Premier's sales so far, adding that buyers "seem to want to wait a little while because they don't

know what Eagle is all about, and they don't want to be burned."

Also caught in the crossfire of the Chrysler-AMC merger was the Medallion compact, built by French carmaker Renault, which sold its 46 per cent stake in AMC to Chrysler. The Medallion, too, is now on the endangered species list.

Neither Chrysler nor Renault are making money on the Medallion, so Renault may stop building it at one plant to make room for the R-19, a new subcompact which has been selling well overseas.

## Decision

"We have no idea what Renault's decision may be, but we have no intention at this point of cancelling the Medallion," Sarotte insisted.

Still, Chrysler has cut its shipments from 1,000 to about 700 a month next year. Renault promised to make available about 75,000 Medallions to Chrysler this year, but its US sales for the first nine months of 1988 totalled only 12,435 units while inventory stood at a lofty 171 days.

The newest addition to the Eagle line is the Summit, a Japanese-built subcompact sedan introduced this month. It is heavily based on Mitsubishi's Mirage.

Ironically, none of the Eagle cars in the US auto industry's newest nameplates are American made. But Chrysler may by 1990 be building the Summit at Diamond Star Motors Corp., the 50-50 joint venture Chrysler-Mitsubishi assembly plant in Normal, Illinois.

For now, Jeep-Eagle's task is monumental for any car company competing with more than 33 different nameplates in the United States. Jeep-Eagle ads for

1989 will feature the overall brand rather than any specific model, but there is a marketing thrust underway to promote the more expensive and profitable Premier.

But advertising money is tight. "We shot a lot of our wad in the beginning, and to sustain it over time is very expensive," Sarotte said. "Unfortunately, six brands are competing (within Chrysler). We have to be realistic about how much money is available."

Another problem is that two-thirds of Jeep-Eagle's 1,400 US dealers are dealt with a competitive brand. "Even to the

dealers we have to prove we have good cars," Sarotte said.

Part of Eagle's marketing strategy is to build off the high brand loyalty of Jeep, because many Jeep owners also drive cars. "We have to establish ourselves as a new brand, and we have to sell three new cars," said Chrysler spokesman Dennis Lopez, noting that sales have been steadily increasing from month to month.

"There are still a lot of question marks," industry analyst Michael Luckey, founder of Luckey Consulting Group, Inc., of Cresskill, New Jersey, said of

the brand. "They're still not out of the woods."

Luckey said competition in the Premier's market will only get tougher as industry giant General Motors introduces its new four-door sedan beginning later next year. He believes Chrysler will decide to drop the Medallion.

"I have to convince buyers that Eagle is not a four-wheel drive Concord," said Chrysler's Lopez, referring to AMC's Eagle wagon which went from endangered species to extinction when Chrysler stopped building it last December.

## GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Tender No. AA/KT/18/87/88

Tender's internal No. 891/88

Concerned party: Municipality of Kuwait

Requirements: Digging of well, construction of water tank & pump operation room in Al Jahra Grave Yard

Reliant fee: KD30/-

Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value

Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 20.11.88

N.B.: This tender is open for contractors specialised in this field.

A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 10 am on Sunday, 13.11.1988 in Construction Dept., Municipality of Kuwait to discuss the nature of work and answer the relevant queries.

Tender No. B 524/8

Tender's internal No. 205/88

Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.

Requirements: Supply of equipment for transformer

Reliant fee: KD 20/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 6.12.1988

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The Oct. 27-29 summit is the second of the so-called "Group of Eight," which now consists of only seven countries — Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela and Uruguay.

The eighth member of the club, Panama, was suspended in February after Panamanian strongman Gen Antonio Noriega, under indictment by a US court for drug smuggling, ousted President Eric Arturo del Valle in a power struggle.

Diplomats in Montevideo said the countries represented at next summit account for \$736 billion of Latin America's total \$410 billion foreign debt.

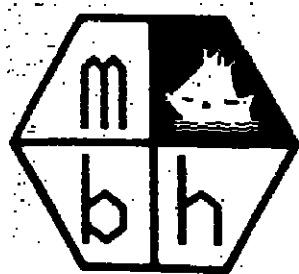
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The central theme of the meeting will be the foreign debt, an issue on which the survival of the region's democratic regimes depends, said a Latin American diplomat.

The chiefs of state, meeting in the seaside resort of Punta del Este, will also discuss ways to limit protectionist policies in Europe and the United States. They also are expected to take new steps to stimulate the up-to-now elusive Latin American common market.

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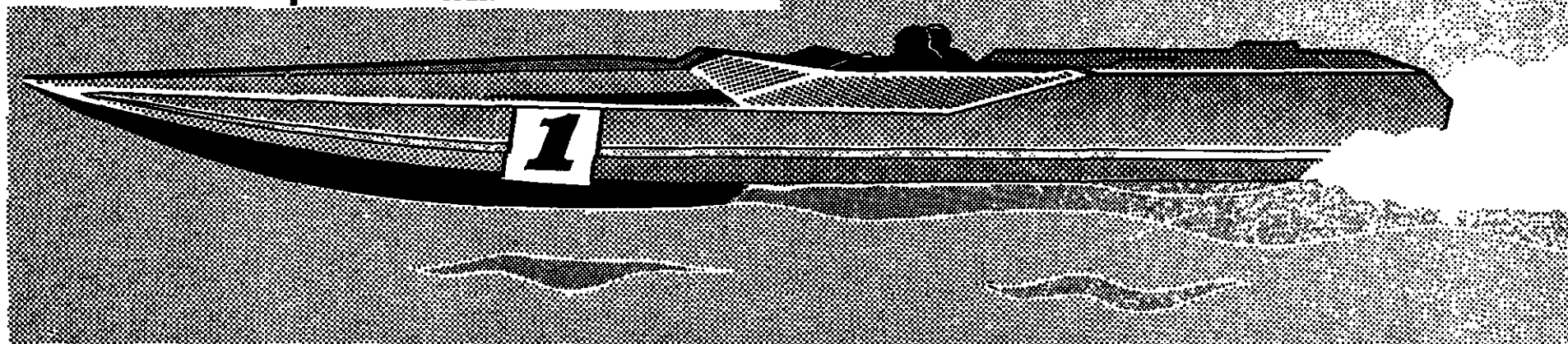
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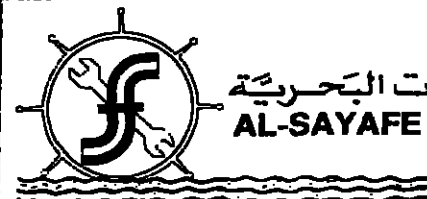
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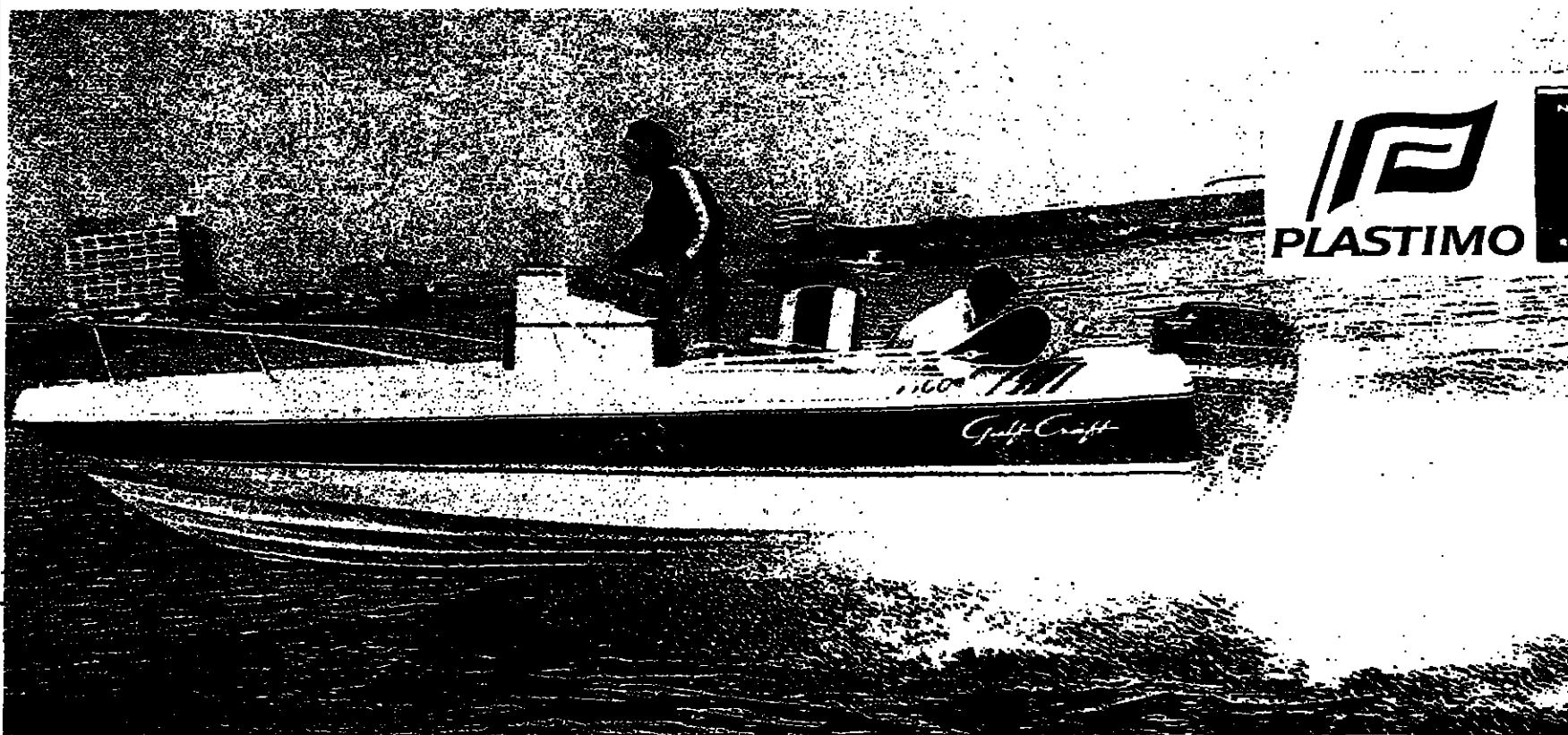


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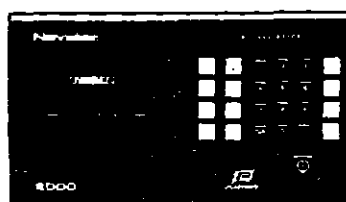
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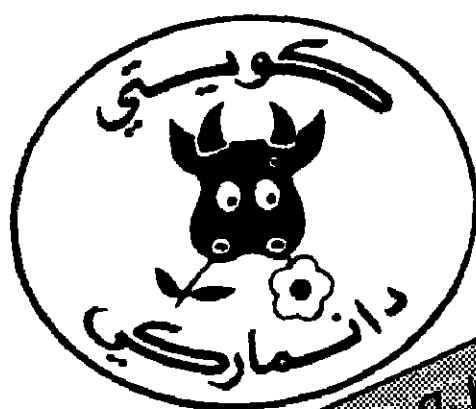


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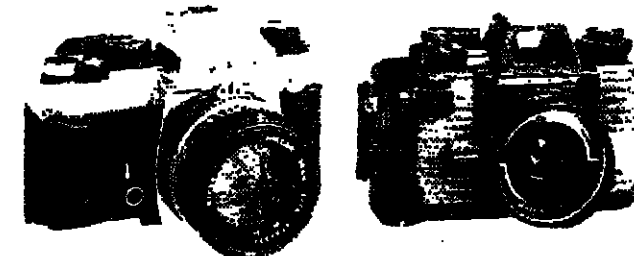
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ZIVOJINOVIC AND GOMEZ TAKE DOUBLES CROWN

Becker beats Fitzgerald for title



Becker: triumphs in Japan

TOKYO, Oct 23, (Reuters): Boris Becker overcame an inspired challenge from Australia's John Fitzgerald to win 7-6 (7-4) 6-4 in the final of the \$627,500 Japan Indoor men's tournament yesterday.

Second-seeded Becker, in his first competition after a six week absence through injury, played his typical hard serve game only to have Fitzgerald countering with devastating volleys which kept the scoreline close and tension high throughout the one hour 48 minute match.

Shouted

Becker's frustration boiled over frequently. He shouted at himself in English and in German and disputed several line calls.

But the world number five and two-time Wimbledon champion kept his cool when it mattered.

At 2-0 down in the first set tie-break he unleashed an unreachable topspin backhand and with the

score at 3-3 one of his forehands hit the top of the net, tethered there for a moment and then trickled over.

Becker won the tie-break 7-4 after a similar net shot went in his favour on the last point.

"That one at 3-3 in the tie-breaker really hurt," a despondent Fitzgerald said.

"Maybe with a little better luck in the first set, I could have won," added the 32nd-ranked Australian who beat top-seeded Swede and Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg in the semifinals.

Becker's superior serve brought him four aces compared to one by Fitzgerald and one serve by the 20-year-old West German was timed at 223 km (138 miles) per hour — near his record.

"Today's game is proof that I have been practising very well for the past three weeks," said Becker.

A total of seven games went to deuce and each player broke the other's service twice during the first set.

In set two, each held his own serve until the ninth game when Fitzgerald, 40-30 down and with an open court in front of him, ploughed an easy backhand volley into the net.

Becker wrapped up the match by taking three successive points in the next game and pummelled his fists into the air as Fitzgerald misused his last service.

Perfect

Becker, who was picking up his fifth title this year, said his tennis has been very good this week and in the quarterfinals had been 'almost perfect' in the easy defeat of compatriot Eric Jelen.

In the doubles final Yugoslavia's Slobodan Zivojinovic and Andres Gomez of Ecuador beat Becker and Jelen 7-5 7-6 3-1 in one hour 45 minutes.

Jahangir and Dittmar to meet in US final



Jahangir: thrashed Hickox

SEATTLE, Oct 23, (Reuters): Top seeds Jahangir Khan and Chris Dittmar each needed just 40 minutes to breeze through their semifinal matches yesterday and set up a showdown in the final of the \$40,000 US Open squash tournament.

Jahangir, the number-one seed stormed past 13th-seeded Briton Jamie Hickox 15-6 15-11 15-8, while second-seeded Dittmar was a straight set winner over third-seeded countryman Rodney Martin 15-10 15-5 15-12.

Unforced errors at critical junctures by Martin, combined with relentless pressure by the Australian gave the second seed his shot at Jahangir in this evening's final. Dittmar has never beaten the indomitable Pakistani.

Hickox appeared stiff and nervous at the beginning of the first game and the Pakistani jumped out to an insurmountable 13-2 lead after just eight minutes of play.

The Briton loosened up in the second set and was able to keep within three points of the top seed much of the way.

Down 13-10, Hickox took the next point on a reverse angle to close to 11-13. Jahangir then went back to his favourite shot — a straight drop hit from the backhand side — and ended the game with two straight points.

Jahangir overwhelmed Hickox as he used his full arsenal in the final game, mixing drives with drops and often winding up to suggest a hard smash, then soft touching the ball into the nick.

Two-way tie in chess tournament

REYKJAVIK, Oct 23, (Reuters): Soviet players Garry Kasparov and Alexander Beliavsky are battling to win the World Cup chess tournament in Iceland, lying equal at the top of the ladder before tomorrow's final round in the \$100,000 competition.

World champion Kasparov and Beliavsky both won their games in the 16th round last night to keep their joint first positions with 10.5 points.

The marathon tournament includes 18 of the strongest players in the world, with the winner receiving \$20,000.

Kasparov, playing black against Jaan Ehivest, another Soviet player, seized the initiative early in the game forcing Ehivest to resign as soon as move 25.

Beliavsky won a hard game against Britain's John Nunn.

Former world champion Mikhail Tal of the Soviet Union took sole possession of third place after drawing with Hungarian Gyula Sax in 12 moves.

In the last round, Beliavsky meets former world champion Boris Spassky of France and Kasparov faces Yugoslavia's Predrag Nikolic.

Results of round 16:

Margeir Petrusson (Iceland) beat Boris Spassky (France) Alexander Beliavsky (Soviet Union) beat John Nunn (Britain) Jan Timman (the Netherlands) beat Victor Korchnoi (Switzerland) Gyula Sax (Hungary) drew with Mikhail Tal (Soviet Union) Jaan Ehivest (Soviet Union) lost to Garry Kasparov (Soviet Union) Predrag Nikolic (Yugoslavia) beat Andrei Sokolov (Soviet Union) Artur Jusupov (Soviet Union) drew with Johann Hjartarson (Iceland) Ulf Andersson (Sweden) drew with Lajos Portisch (Hungary).

Leading positions: Kasparov, Beliavsky 10.5, Tal 9.5, Hjartarson, Ehivest 9.

Real defeat Barcelona for top spot

MADRID, Oct 23, (Reuters): Real Madrid stormed to the top of the Spanish First Division for the first time this season with a thrilling 3-2 win over arch-rivals Barcelona yesterday.

Real replaced Johann Cruyff's side as League leaders before a capacity 90,000 crowd in the Bernabeu stadium and ruined their unbeaten record with three goals in a 21-minute spell in the second half.

The game came alight on the hour after a lacklustre first half in which Barcelona took the lead in the 21st minute through Jose Bakero, his shot deflected in off defender Miguel Tendillo's knee.

Defender

Real had rarely threatened before the interval but suddenly found their touch in the 58th minute when Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez rammed home a deep pass by Adolfo Adana.

Two minutes later Adana put Real ahead, tormenting Barcelona defender Lopez Rekarte with his dribbling skills and shooting past goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta from 10 metres.

Urbano Ortega fought back for Barcelona, cutting back a pass from the touchline in the 70th minute for winger Francisco Carrasco to head in.

But with nine minutes to play Rafael Gordillo clinched Real's win when he picked up a pass after Francisco Llorente bamboozled two Barcelona defenders on the left to shoot home from outside the penalty area.

Real's fifth win in a row leaves them as the only unbeaten club in the First Division.

Notre Dame outclass Air Force

NEW YORK, Oct 23, (AP): After their emotional battle last week, Notre Dame and Miami could have been excused if they'd experienced letdowns in yesterday's game. But they didn't need excuses.

The second-ranked Irish, who stopped Miami's 36-game regular-season winning streak 31-30, shut down Air Force's powerful wishbone and got plenty of offense from Tony Rice and Ricky Watters in a 41-13 victory.

Meanwhile, Steve Walsh threw for five touchdowns as the No. 4 Hurricanes pounded visiting Cincinnati 57-3.

Walsh tossed scoring passes to five different receivers, tying Bernie Kosar's school record for touchdown throws in a game. He completed 19 of 23 passes for 286 yards with no interceptions.

The Hurricanes, whose loss to Notre Dame knocked them out of the No. 1 spot, improved to 5-1 while Cincinnati suffered its fifth loss in seven games.

Rice rushed for one touchdown and passed for another as the Irish won their seventh game without a loss. Notre Dame also got an offensive boost from Watters, who caught four passes for 108 yards and two touchdowns.

But Notre Dame's most impressive achievement was stopping Air Force quarterback Dee Dowis and his wishbone attack.

While Notre Dame and Miami

breezed, four other top 20 teams lost.

North Carolina State beat ninth-ranked Clemson 10-3, Kentucky topped No. 11 Georgia 16-10, No. 20 Michigan downed No. 14 Indiana 31-6, and Oregon beat No. 17 Washington 17-14.

In other games involving the top ten, it was top-ranked UCLA 24, Arizona 3; No. 5 Nebraska 48, Kansas State 3; No. 6 West Virginia 59, Boston College 19; No. 7 Florida State 66, Louisiana Tech 3; No. 8 Oklahoma 17, Colorado 14, and No. 10 Auburn 33, Mississippi State 0.

In the second tier, it was No. 12 Wyoming 61, Utah 18; No. 13 Arkansas 26, Houston 21; No. 15 Oklahoma State 49, Missouri 21, and No. 19 Syracuse 38, East Carolina 14.

Third-ranked Southern Cal, No. 16 Louisiana State and No. 18 South Carolina did not play.

No. 1 UCLA 24, Arizona 4

Troy Aikman passed for 283 yards and three touchdowns as UCLA improved to 7-0 for the first time in 22 years. It was the fifth time in seven games Aikman passed for at least three touchdowns, raising his total for the season to 19.

No. 5 Nebraska 48, Kansas State 3

Iyres Knox scored four touchdowns as Nebraska set a National Collegiate Athletic Association record with its 27th consecutive winning season.

Knox scored on runs of 2, 6, 2 and 26 yards.

No. 6 W. Virginia 69, BC 19

Major Harris passed for three touchdowns and ran for two as West Virginia moved out to its best start since 1955. Reserve tailback Undra Johnson rushed for 111 yards and scored twice for the Mountaineers, 7-0.

No. 7 Florida State 66, Louisiana Tech 3

Defensive backs Deion Sanders and Dedrick Dodge scored on interception returns, and Terry Anthony and Bruce Lasane each caught two touchdowns passes for Florida State.

No. 8 Oklahoma 17, Colorado 14

R.D. Lashar kicked a 22-yard field goal with 8:15 to play to give Oklahoma a lead over the Buffaloes. But the Sooners had to withstand a late threat after Leon Perry's fumble was recovered by Colorado's Bruce Young near midfield with 2:17 left.

N. Carolina 51, No. 9 Clemson 3

Chris Williams' 5-yard touchdown run with 10:04 left in the fourth quarter gave North Carolina state its third straight victory over Clemson.

No. 13 Arkansas 26, Houston 21

Arkansas' Kendal Trainor kicked four field goals and senior quarterback John Bland guided the offense in his first career start. Trainor extended his field goal string to 15 in a row with kicks of

29, 46, 23, and 49 yards.

No. 20 Michigan 31, No. 14 Indiana 6

Fullback Leroy Hoard ran for three touchdowns, including a pair of 54-yarders, as Michigan handed Indiana its first loss of the season. The victory moved the Wolverines into first place in the Big Ten.

Kentucky 16, No. 11 Georgia 10

Georgia native Alfred Rawls sprinted 48 yards for a third-quarter touchdown to spark Kentucky. Rawls finished with 128 yards on 15 carries.

No. 12 Wyoming 61, Utah 18

Randy Welniak threw three touchdowns passes and ran for another score to help Wyoming remain undefeated. Wyoming checked the nation's top-ranked offense with a tenacious rush that repeatedly forced quarterback Scott Mitchell from the pocket.

No. 15 Oklahoma 17, Missouri 21

Hart Lee Dykes of Oklahoma State caught two touchdowns passes and became the big eighth career receiving yardage leader. Tailback Barry Sanders, the nation's leading rusher, added 154 yards and two touchdowns.

Oregon 17, No. 17 Washington 14

Terry Obee scored on a 5-yard end-around play with 1:40 left in the game to give Oregon an upset PAC-10 victory. Oregon drove 55 yards in 10 plays for the winning touchdown.

Bruno fight set for US, says Tyson's manager

NEW YORK, Oct 23, (Reuters): Agreement has been reached to move Mike Tyson's title defence against Briton Frank Bruno from London to Las Vegas, the heavyweight champion's manager Bill Cayton said yesterday.

Cayton said negotiations with British promoters Jarvis Astarie and Mickey Duff were complete and the bout will take place on January 14 in Las Vegas.

"The deal is done," Cayton told Reuters. "All I need is Mike's signature on it."

He would not name the exact site or how much money Bruno will receive but said Tyson would earn \$6 million from the fight, originally scheduled for this month at London's Wembley stadium.

The deal comes amidst the latest dispute over who actually controls the 22-year-old heavyweight champion.

Boxing promoter Don King told Cayton on Thursday he had signed an exclusive four-year agreement to promote all of Tyson's fights.

New York State Athletic Commission rules prohibit a promoter from bypassing a manager to sign a contract directly with a boxer and Cayton said he

has charged King with tampering with Tyson.

Cayton filed a complaint with commission chairman Randy Gordon, who will likely hold a formal hearing within a week.

If King is found guilty of tampering his license in New York could be revoked or suspended and most other state boxing commissions would be expected to honour the ruling, effectively putting the flamboyant promoter out of the fight game in the United States.

"The most disturbing thing to me is that Mike has given this unscrupulous character power of attorney and control over his finances," Cayton said.

King could not be reached to respond to the charges.

Accompanied

Tyson has been spending much of his time with King during the fighter's break-up from his wife of eight months, actress Robin Givens. Last week Tyson accompanied King to the World Boxing Association convention in Venezuela.

Cayton said he spoke to Tyson when King telephoned him earlier this week. "He sounded brainwashed," said Cayton. "He sounded exactly like Don King."

Cyprus hold France to 1-1 draw

NICOSIA, Oct 23, (Reuters): A 76th minute penalty converted by Charalambos Pittas earned European Group Five underdogs Cyprus a 1-1 draw with France in the World Cup qualifier in Nicosia yesterday.

France, who crushed Cyprus 7-0 to clinch a place in the 1990 World Cup finals, had gone ahead in the 44th minute through Daniel Xuerbe.

A cross from the right by Franck Sauze was headed back across the goal by Jean-Pierre Papin and Xuerbe nodded in the opening goal.

Cyprus's unexpected equaliser followed Manuel Amoros's foul on Andreas Kandelios. Spanish referee Soriano Aladren had no hesitation in awarding a penalty and Pittas delighted the 4,000 crowd by coolly converting the spot kick.

Cypriot coach Panilos Iacovou was delighted with the result. "Now that the team's morale is high I hope we can get both points in our next match against Norway," he said.

French coach Henri Michel, whose last match as an international player was in Cyprus eight years ago when France humiliated the home side 7-0, said he was very disappointed with his team's performance.

"I was afraid of the match and we got the message. We have to try harder," he added.

Cyprus — George Pantziaras, Costas Mamiotis, Andreas Stavrou, Charalambos Pittas, George Christodoulou, John Yiannoudakis, Andreas Kandelios, Floros Nicolaou, Pavlos Savva, Costas Petas, Evagoras Christophi (Ioannis Ioannou, 56th).

France — Joel Bats, Manuel Amoros, Basile Boli, Bernard Casoni, Luc Sonor, Daniel Bravo, Marcel Dib, Gerald Passi, (Philippe Verrecruysse, 55rd), Franck Sauze, Daniel Xuerbe (Stephane Paille, 80th), Jean-Pierre Papin.

Remaining matches: Nov 2 — Cyprus v Norway, Nov 19 — Yugoslavia v France, Dec 11 — Yugoslavia v Cyprus, 1989: Feb 8 — Cyprus v Scotland, March 8 — Scotland v France, Apr 22 — Scotland v Cyprus, Apr 29 — France v Yugoslavia, May 16 — Norway v Cyprus, June 14 — Norway v Yugoslavia, Sept 5 — Norway v France, Sept 6 — Yugoslavia v Scotland, Oct 11 — Yugoslavia v Norway, France v Scotland, Oct 28 — Cyprus v Yugoslavia, Nov 15 — Scotland v Norway, Nov 18 — France v Cyprus.

Molina wins on return

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii, Oct 23, (AP): Scott Molina, who dominated the sport of triathlon from 1982 to 1986, has made a comeback by winning the Ironman Triathlon World Championship.

Molina, 28, completed the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bicycle ride and 26.2 mile run in that order, winning yesterday in eight hours and 31 minutes.

About 125,000 athletes from 48 states and 39 countries began the pace with the swim from the pier at this coastal village on Hawaii island's Kona coast.

His time of 4 hours 36 minutes and 37 seconds set a record for the bicycling leg. But he fell short of the overall record of 8:28.37 set by six-time winner Dave Scott in 1986. Scott did not compete this year because of a knee injury.

Norwich and Millwall enjoy taste of stardom

LONDON, Oct 23, (Reuters): Norwich and Millwall are revelling in the unexpected spotlight, upstaging the likes of Liverpool and Manchester United as clubs traditionally on the fringes enjoy a taste of stardom in English soccer's First Division.

Norwich beat care-worn London aristocrats Tottenham 3-1 yesterday to stretch their lead at the top of the table while second-placed Millwall lived dangerously before salvaging their unbeaten record with last-gasp heroics against Nottingham Forest.

Docked

Liverpool and Manchester United had to settle for a point apiece against third-placed Coventry and FA Cup holders Wimbledon, while Spurs — docked two points earlier in the week because their ground was not ready for the start of the season — slumped to one from bottom of the table.

Millwall, enjoying unexpected success in their first season in Division One, earned new accolades after late goals by Teddy Sheringham and substitute Neil Ruddock snatched a point which had looked out of reach when Steve Hodge had netted twice for Forest.

"I've said all along that the test

would come when we were a couple of goals down, but we passed it today," manager John Docherty said after the Millwall lions had roared back at their London lair, The Den.

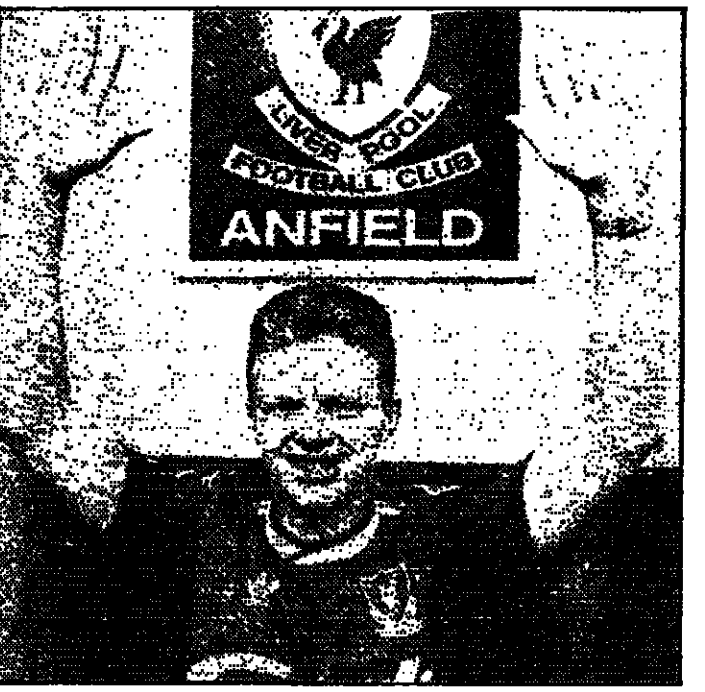
"The players showed excellent spirit and character. I was delighted with the attitude all around the team."

Norwich, whose best First Division finish was fifth two seasons ago, moved three points clear at the top thanks to goals from Robert Rosario, Robert Fleck and Andy Linighan against a solitary Spurs strike by Chris Fairclough.

Liverpool, who lost only twice in their 40 matches last season, were in danger of making it three in a row in their first eight against a Coventry side seeking the club's first-ever League win at Anfield.

They might have won if Welsh international Ian Rush had shown his old finishing power or if referee Gary Aplin had granted their appeals for three penalties.

But Rush squandered a golden chance of a first League goal since his return from Italian First Division Juventus Turin when he shot wide after England international Peter Beardsley had fought his way past four players to put the striker clear at the near post. The referee refused their penalty pleas.



Burrows: made his debut for Liverpool

Liverpool fielded David Burrows, signed for £500,000 (\$880,000) from West Bromwich this week, to bolster a defence badly depleted by injuries and the jailing of Denmark's Jan Molby for reckless driving.

Burrows came close to marking his debut with a spectacular

fourth minute goal, unleashing a 25-metre left-foot shot which flew just over the bar.

Fine performances by goalkeepers Mike Hooper of Liverpool and Steve Ogriozovic of Coventry ensured the scoreline remained blank as Coventry dropped five points behind Nor-

wich but retained third place in the table.

Title-holders Liverpool dropped from fourth to sixth, overtaken by Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday who both came from behind to win 2-1 over Queens Park Rangers and Southampton respectively.

Southampton fielded three brothers — a Wallace collection featuring twins Raymond and Rodney and elder brother Danny — but this family gathering had no victory to celebrate.

Manchester United took a 23rd minute lead at Wimbledon through Mark Hughes but Dennis Wise equalised 15 minutes from the end to the frustration of United manager Alex Ferguson.

Performance

"I've told them we were shocking in the second half and I've told them I won't accept performances like that," he stormed.

"It makes you wonder if all these internationals in midweek takes it out of your players because that certainly wasn't the performance I was expecting."

Seven United players were on duty for their countries on Wednesday.

In Scotland, Celtic registered their first away win of the season in the Premier Division with Mark McGhee and Frank McAvennie netting the goals which sank Hearts 2-0.

Over 65 attend 2nd mini rugby training session

OVER 65 children, ages four to 12, attended the second mini rugby training session of the season at the KOC ground, Ahmadi, on Friday.

Organisers Hugh McAree and Geoff Bennett are optimistic regarding the boys' chances of repeating their success at the Bahrain tournament. Senior Nomads players Paul Tyrell and Phil Quinn provided coaching to the boys.

The fun and fitness approach certainly seems to appeal to the players. Peter Elliott, D. Crichton and B. Mason ensure that the Nomads' philosophy towards open and exciting rugby is maintained.

Attend

The games commence again on Friday, Oct 28, at 10.00 am and finish at 11.00 am in order that the players can attend the Nomads Fete being held at the Messilah Beach Hotel.

The fete starts at 1200 and a variety of stalls will remain open until 1600. The BA ticket raffle will take place at 1530.

For further details call Hugh McAree (4710576 — office) or Geoff Bennett (5382663 — residence).

DARTS

Eastenders remain in top place

WITH several Monday League teams having played only one game each, the attention in this week's round of KBRC Kuwait Darts League remained focused on the Wednesday League.

Taking full advantage of their easier early fixtures, Middle Eastenders' men's and ladies' teams both maintained their 100% record against the Rondels and Rondettes respectively with 6-0 and 2-0 wins. Both these teams occupy the top positions in their respective Leagues.

The battle for the next four positions saw Equalisers bringing Dinar Soarers down to earth 5-1 to remain in a second place and last year's runners-up Soweto Slingers moved up to third place with a last gasp 4-2 win over Shower of Tossers.

The Slingers-Tossers game was an exciting one with a number of high scorers — Bill Rouke getting three, Ian Rees, Ian Thomas and Geoff Clark two each, and Slingers' substitute George Smith 140. After sharing the singles games, Slingers' experience told as they won both the Mickey Mouse encounters. It was a bad night also for the Lady Tossers as their 100% record went in a 2-0 defeat to Avengers, who remain unbeaten.

Fought

Two other fancied teams, both of whom have had hard games so far, met this week and fought out a good 3-3 draw.

At 2-0 up, Bull's Hitters must have thought Has Beans were true to their name, but the battle of the captains was won by Nobby Burton as John Watson lost his first game of the year.

Each side won one Mickey Mouse game to share the points. Both Bob Cole and Nobby Burton joined the 140 Club, and Gordon McAllister just failed to take the lead in highest finish trophy, checking out 108. Bulls Hitter Ladies won 2-1.

H2O moved up to 6th place with a 5-1 win over Shipwrecks despite high scores from John Dugh, Ron Harris and Alan Walker. Ken Edwards hit 140 yet again but still lost H2O's only game of the night.

In the ladies match, Shipwrecks scored their first points of the season in a 2-0 win due to Linda Phelan's 105 score and Kim Pugh chipping in with 102.

In other games Chuckers held Menage A Trois 3-3 but Menage Ladies moved up to 3rd spot with a 2-0 win, and Fintas Flyers men failed to get off the ground once again, going down 4-2 to Entente Geordiale. The Floosies, however, took revenge with a 2-0 win.

Salvaged

In the Monday League, of the teams to play twice only Baggs and Exiles remain undefeated having fought a 3-3 draw this week with Steve Edwards scoring 140 for Baggs.

Last season's runners-up Cottar Hoose started off with a 5-1 win at Straight As A Dai where 140's was the order of the evening as George Smith hit two, and with one each for Giorgio de Giorgio and Terry. Avril Smith, however, salvaged something on the night leading the Dai-A-Straights to a 2-0 win in the ladies game.

Ken Edwards continued his good scoring and became the first player to hit 180 although he ended up on the losing side with his team, Cunning Linguists, being beaten 4-2 by Wallbags. Lei Skelhorn took Queens to 2-0 victory in the ladies match by hitting 125.

In the other Monday League games, Pacifics beat Members 5-1 to record their first win and Ragamuffins won 5-1 against Bandits, although Bandits' ladies redressed the balance with a 2-0 win over Ragabags.

Wednesday League									
Men's League									
	M	E	A	S	T	L	G	F	Pts
M Eastenders	4	4	0	19	5	8			
Equalisers	4	3	1	18	6	7			
S Slingers	3	2	1	13	5	5			
Showers of T	3	2	0	12	6	4			
Bulls Hitters	3	1	0	11	7	4			
H2O	3	2	0	11	7	4			
E Geordiale	3	2	0	10	8	4			
Chuckers	4	1	2	11	13	4			
Menage A Trois	4	1	2	11	13	4			
Dinar Soarers	3	0	2	10	14	4			
Has Beans	3	0	2	8	10	2			
Rondels	3	1	2	5	12	2			
Nobblers	3	0	3	5	13	0			
Fintas Flyers	4	0	4	7	16	0			
Shipwrecks	4	0	4	4	20	0			
Women's League									
	M	E	A	S	T	L	G	F	Pts
M Eastenders	4	4	0	8	1	8			
Avengers	3	3	0	6	1	6			
Menage A Trois	4	3	1	6	3	6			
Flies	4	3	1	6	4	4			
Lady Tossers	3	2	1	4	2	4			
Bulls Hitters	3	2	1	3	4	4			
Rondettes	3	2	1	4	3	4			
Floosies	4	2	2	5	6	4			
H2O	3	1	2	3	4	2			
Shipwrecks	4	1	3	4	6	2			
Othom	3	1	2	3	5	2			
Equalisers	4	1	3	3	6	2			
Nibblers	3	1	2	2	4	2			
Chuckers	4	0	4	2	8	0			
Human Beans	3	0	3	1	6	0			



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Rangers win

GLASGOW, Scotland, Oct. 23. (Reuters): Result of the Scottish League Cup soccer final today: Aberdeen 2 Rangers 3

## Shriver triumphs

ZURICH, Oct. 23. (Reuters): Top-seeded American Pam Shriver struggled with her serve and the tenacity of Olympic bronze medalist Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria before winning the European Indoor Championship title on Sunday. Shriver won 6-3 6-4.

## Frankfurt Cup

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Oct. 23. (AP): Top-seeded Tim Mayotte defeated Leonardo Lavalle of Mexico 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 today to win the Frankfurt Cup Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament.

## Exhibition tennis

TURIN, Italy, Oct. 23. (AP): John McEnroe served and volleyed his way past fellow American Aaron Krickstein 6-3, 6-1 to win a four-man tennis exhibition last night.

## Jersey Open

LA MOYE, Jersey, Oct. 23. (Reuters): Des Smyth of Ireland won the Jersey Open golf tournament today, beating Britain's Roger Chapman at the fifth hole of a play-off after both had carded 15-under-par 273s over four rounds.

## Pensacola Open

PENSACOLA, Fla., Oct. 23. (Reuters): Tom Byrum yesterday added a seven-under-par 65 to Friday's course record-tying 64 to catapult himself into a four stroke lead at the \$400,000 Pensacola Open golf tournament.

## Men's GP

VIENNA, Oct. 23. (Reuters): Result of the final of the \$205,000 Men's Grand Prix tennis tournament today (prefix number denotes seeding):

Horst Skoff (Austria) beat 1-Thomas Muster (Austria) 4-6-6-3 6-4-6-2.

## Grete Waitz

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (AP): Norway's Grete Waitz, eight-time winner of the women's division of the New York City marathon, will try for her ninth victory Nov. 6, race director Fred Lebow announced today. Waitz, 35, the 1984 Olympic silver medalist who never has lost a New York City marathon which she has finished, might have difficulty in winning again.

## WILSON'S UNBEATEN 52 FAILS TO SAVE TOURISTS

## Great Britain edge British Airways

GREAT BRITAIN XI overcame a brave comeback by the British Airways XI to win by three wickets at Ahmadi yesterday.

Precariously placed on 82 for six, British Airways looked as they would be overrun by Great Britain. However, former Test player Don Wilson led the recovery with an unbeaten 52.

## Dismiss

Wilson hit five fours and two sixes as he scored his half century off only fifty deliveries. With Mirza, Kharabanda and Herzog, he raised the score to 171 for nine off 40 overs.

Earlier in the day, the crowd had been disappointed to see Patrick Flower (two for 14) dismiss another former Test star Farokh Engineer for only six. Farokh tried to fend off a rising delivery but only managed to edge it to wicketkeeper John McConville.

Flower was aided by Jimmy James (one for 37) who got rid of Friday's hero Zafar (1) with his first delivery. Steve Bassett showed his determination in



Wilson has only one answer to a fast delivery.

scoring 19 runs in 19 overs and Salim Awan hit a quick 32 before being the first of Martin Coulson's three victims. Coulson took three for 17 while R. Seward finished with two for 24.

McConville was outstanding behind the wickets, taking two catches and making three stumpings. Skipper Craig Shipton was

generous to the BA side, using seven bowlers.

A target of 172 looked well within the capabilities of Great Britain as Shipton (28) and Dave Talbot (13) took the score to 38 before the latter was bowled by BA captain Barry Lowe. Lowe also removed Kevin Wells and James in his opening spell of



A British Airways' player keeps his eye on the ball.

swing bowling which yielded only seven runs off eight overs.

The Great Britain XI were struggling at 83 for five but the rest of the 'British Airways bowlers could not contain Ron Seward (22), Pat Flower (30) and McConville (32 not out), who took their side to a three-wicket win. Gerry Pallister (3) hit the

winning runs in the 38th over.

This was the final match for the British Airways side from London. During their stay in Kuwait the side won two and lost two matches. The tour was sponsored by British Airways, Yousuf Alghanim WLL Electronics Group and the Sheraton Hotel.

## Sheikh Fahd to meet Rajiv

KUWAIT, Oct. 23. (KUNA): The chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad has accepted an invitation from the secretary-general of the Indian Olympic Council to visit India and meet Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, the Kuwait Olympic Council (KOC) said today.

KOC sources said that Fahd's talks with the Indian officials, among other important issues, will centre on the first Afro-Asian Games that India seeks to host in Delhi in 1991.

India seeks support of Sheikh Fahd to organise the Games in his capacity as chairman of the Afro-Asian Supreme Committee.

## Milan, Inter and Sampdoria draw

## Napoli score eight against Pescara

ROME, Oct. 23. (Reuters): Diego Maradona's Napoli blasted home eight goals today in an exhilarating return to form that put them within one point of Italian League leaders AC Milan.

The Argentine captain scored twice and set up three of the other goals in the Naples side's 8-2 blitz against Pescara which also saw a hat-trick from Andrea Carnevale, two goals from Brazilian striker Careca and one from his compatriot Alemão.

The result put Napoli on four points after three games, with AC Milan, Internazionale Milan and Sampdoria, who all drew, on five.

Napoli, League champions in 1987 and pipped for the 1988 title by AC Milan, began the season colourfully against two newly-promoted opponents, scraping a 1-0 win at Atalanta and losing 1-0 away to Lecce.

But today's performance sparked with attacking flair and confidence and was spearheaded by Maradona who showed no

signs of the nagging leg-muscle injury.

Careca opened the scoring in the fourth minute after a pass from Fernando de Napoli and Carnevale headed home the first of his three goals four minutes later from a Maradona cross.

The raucous Naples fans had to wait 28 minutes for their next offering — a classic Maradona free-kick curled round a defending wall and into the net.

Four minutes from half-time Alemão took a pass from Maradona inside the area and scored the fourth.

Carnevale added the fifth and sixth in the 57th and 59th minutes before Pescara salvaged a little pride when Gian Piero Gasperini scored from the penalty spot.

Careca hit home his second from a Maradona pass in the 65th minute and compatriot Edmar made it two for Pescara nine minutes later.

Maradona delivered the final blow five minutes from the end with a finely-struck goal from a

Carnevale pass.

Milan's attacking prowess suffered against an obstinate Lazio defence in a match which ended 0-0.

European Player of the Year Rudd Gullit, making his first appearance in the League this season after an ankle injury, was virtually marked out of the game.

Trainer Arrigo Sacchi, with Wednesday's European Cup clash against Red Star Belgrade in mind, pulled the Dutchman off midway through the second half.

Milan's local rivals Internazionale also figured in a goalless draw at Verona while third-placed Sampdoria struggled to draw 1-1 at Pisa, scoring a much-disputed penalty just before the final whistle after Pisa had led from the 11th minute.

Juventus drew 1-1 away at Ascoli with Danish international Michael Laudrup scoring the equaliser in the 68th minute from a cross by Portuguese Rui Barros. Ascoli defender Antonio Dell'Oglio had put his side ahead

in the 52nd.

Results			
Ascoli	1	Juventus	1
Cesena	0	Florentina	3
Como	1	Bologna	0
AC Milan	0	Lazio	0
Napoli	8	Pescara	2
Pisa	1	Sampdoria	1
Roma	1	Lecce	1
Torino	1	Atalanta	1
Verona	0	Inter	0

Standings						
Leading standings (tabulate underplayed, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points);						
AC Milan	3	2	1	0	7	15
Inter	3	2	1	0	7	25
Sampdoria	3	2	1	0	6	35
Napoli	3	2	0	1	9	34
Juventus	3	1	2	0	6	34
Verona	3	1	2	0	4	34

## Entrants prepare for powerboat race

By Gail Seery

WITH only three days left before Kuwait's third Bi-annual Off-shore Powerboat Race, all entrants are busy preparing their boats for the 67.5 nautical mile event.

The race, on Friday, is being held to coincide with Messilah Beach's Henley-on-Thames Regatta day and is likely to be a larger race than the one in June, with a higher standard of entrants and organisation.

Boat racers Mishal Al Jarallah and Khaled Al Khaled stressed that anyone who would like to race can join the field, providing they can meet the entry requirements. The Dubai Offshore Powerboat Race has in the past been won by a fishing boat, and once the racers are out on the sea, conditions will not necessarily favour the racing boats. Again, in the last Dubai race, three standard boats led the racing boats home. Anyone interested in joining the race should remember that all boats must be over 18ft in length, with outboard engines, and should contact the Arab Times or Al Seyassah newspapers for further details.

Khaled Al Khaled is racing for the first time, but he has very

strong views about the race. "People should bring any boat, not just proper racing boats. Someone may have a million dollar boat and a 100 ft part will go wrong and stop the race. No matter how much you spend, no-one can give a guarantee. There is a chance for everyone to do well."

Khaled Bakhit of Dubai will travel from Dubai for the race, and he is generally tipped as a likely winner. He will be driving a 24ft Tigercat with Mercury 2.4 c.f.i. engines. Bakhit won the last Kuwait race in this boat, and took it to third place in this year's Dubai race, but he has upgraded his engines, and he is now expected to be capable of speeds over 100mph.

However, he will find that the locals are rather more prepared to meet the Dubai challenge this time. Most of the racers have bought new boats, significantly Tigercat 24 footers like Bakhit's, with a 2x2.4 c.f.i. engine configuration. These are expected to perform well if the sea conditions are suitable. Between similar boats, with similar engines, it is probably the experience of the driver and his throttleman which will count most.

The majority of the boats are expected to be catamarans this

time, divided between two manufacturers, Cougar, and Skater/Al Sha'ali Marine, and racer Hossam Al Sayafe predicts that the Tigercats will have the edge.

Mishal Al Jarallah, who came second in the June race, a mere 7 seconds behind Bakhit, after intermittent losses of engine power, is taking a measured approach to the race. He said: "We're all out to win. I consider everybody is a potential threat. I won't underestimate anyone who races." Al Jarallah is leading the Cougar faction, with a 27ft Merit sponsored boat, and newly rebuilt engines, but respects the power of the Tigercats. "The 24 footers can do 100mph with 2.4 engines. They will do well," he said. Al Jarallah will be accompanied by Anando Fernando, his throttleman for the last race, an experienced marine mechanic.

Hossam Al Sayafe, now sponsored by Pepsi, is also aiming to win. "My boat is not ready yet," he told the Arab Times. "I need to reinstall the engine management system, but this is not a problem. As far as I'm concerned I'm racing against Mohammed Karam and Khaled Bakhit." All three drivers will be driving Tigercats with 2.4 c.f.i.s. Sayafe recently finished fifth on the Alghanim/BP 2000 Jeep Rally,

and will have his co-driver, Amjad Qutaneh as his throttleman for the boat race.

Sheikh Basel Al Sabah will be making his first outing in a 27ft Tigercat, which is expected to be rather more suitable for October sea conditions than the light jet type boat he used for the last race. As he is reputed to be a very fast driver, he can be expected to do well in this more substantial boat.

Other drivers from last time, like Thabit Banai have entered the event, and they will be joined by newcomers, Khaled Al Khaled, who was yesterday testing his new, Tilda sponsored 27ft Cougar, and Ahmed Al Ansari in a 24ft Tigercat with 2x200hp engines. Mishal Al Sabara joins the field with a 23ft Dubai boat, and 2.4 mod vp engines.

## Staggering

In addition to Khaled Bakhit, spectators can also expect to see Mohammed Salem Juma of Dubai. His is the large yellow Emirates boat, which has a staggering 800hp.

The race will start at 1pm in front of the Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday. Scrimmaging will be held at the Sha'ab slipway, on Thursday, and this will be an opportunity to see all the boats assembled at once, on land.



Shipton (right) receives a British Airways pennant from Lowe. (Photos by Ahmed Barouni)

## Norman holds off Parry for NSW Open crown

SYDNEY, Oct. 23. (Reuters): World number one Greg Norman, searching for his first success since the Italian Open in May, frittered away a five-stroke lead but just held off defending champion Craig Parry by a shot in the final round today of the New South Wales Open.

It was a relieved Norman who pocketed the winner's cheque after a closing one-over-par 73 for a seven-under aggregate of 277.

"I guess that's what's showing through, more frustration of what has been happening to me over the last two years," said Norman.

"I keep battling to keep the frustration inside of me and I'll just have to fight my way through it."

"In the long run I'll be a stronger character for it to get through all the frustrating period and still win."

"I'm just looking for that

break so I can blitz them next year."

Midway through the closing round it looked the Norman of old as he amassed a formidable lead, but an amazing lapse at the par-four 376 yard 11th suddenly flung the door open for Parry. Norman, on 10 under, hit a perfect pitch to within two-feet of the flag, only inexplicably to push the putt three feet past the hole and miss the return putt for a double bogey six.

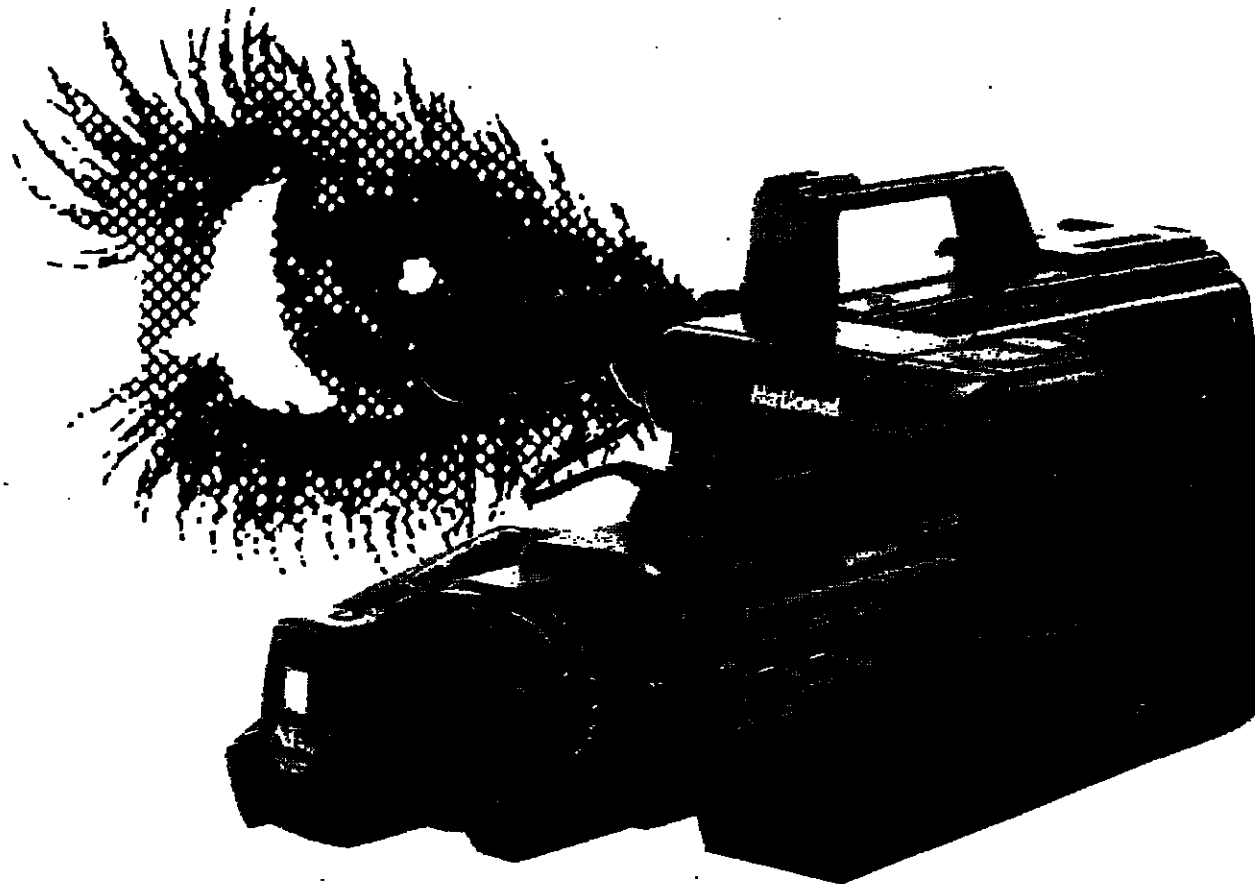
Coupled with a Parry birdie at the 11th, Norman's blunder whittled the leadway from five to two strokes, a margin further reduced to a nervy one by the 16th.

Norman, seemingly throwing away the title, steadied with a 20-foot birdie putt at the 17th for a two-stroke cushion going to the last.

Norman settled for a bogey at the 18th to nudge out the plucky young Western Australian by a shot.

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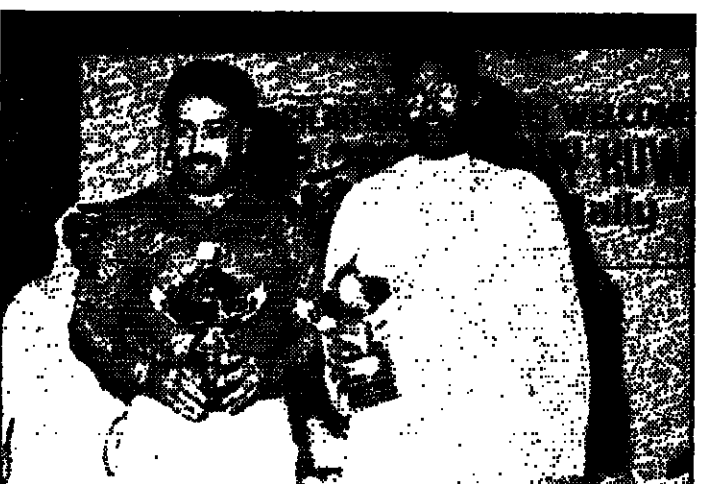
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● The prize distribution ceremony for Kuwait's Alghanim/BP 2000 Jeep Rally was held at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Saturday evening. The rally, held on Friday, was won by Eid Fahah and Sadeq Ashkanani while Tareq Al Wazzan and Khaled Khalifa were second. Left: Ashkanani (left) and Fahah show off their first prize. Right: Khalifa (left) with Al Wazzan after receiving their trophies. (Photos by Raed Qutaneh)



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